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## Treasury boycotts meeting of MKs on doctors' strike

**By ASHER WALLFISH and Jerusalem Post Staff**

The Treasury yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Knesset Social Affairs Committee, called especially to get a Finance Ministry briefing on the doctors' strike.

The committee was outraged by this slap in the face from the Finance Minister (and Industry and Trade Minister) Gideon Patt, and from Director-General Ezra Sadan, who pleaded "other engagements." Finance Minister Yoram Aridor is abroad.

Committee chairman Menachem Porush (Agudat Yisrael) called the behaviour of Patt and Sadan "an offence to the Knesset and a blow to democracy."

Porush told reporters: "This is one more indication of the Treasury's entire attitude to the doctors' strike and to the negotiating process. This is one more manifestation of the Treasury's insufferable and incomprehensible procrastination."

Patt was touring industrial enterprises and Sadan was at the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv discussing budgetary matters. The Treasury official now replacing wages commissioner Hillel Duda, who is also abroad, ignored his invitation as well.

Committee members generally assumed that Patt and Sadan preferred to give the Knesset body a wide berth for several reasons.

## IDF lifts Dahariya curfew

**By DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporter**

The Israel Defence Forces yesterday lifted a month-long curfew on the town of Dahariya, south of Hebron, imposed after a number of rock-throwing incidents during which an Israeli woman was killed.

The curfew was lifted when local leaders agreed to set up a local militia to patrol the main Hebron-Jerusalem road that runs through the town and prevent youths from throwing rocks at passing Israeli vehicles.

In another development, security forces confiscated quantities of El Bireh "illegal publications" at a book fair held by students at the El Bireh nurses training college. The fair and the college have been closed. This follows the arrest on Wednesday of Arab journalist Kamal J'beil who was found to be in possession of "huge quantities" of

## Polish police shadow Warsaw ghetto hero

**WARSAW (Reuters).** — As hundreds of Jews gathered in Warsaw to mark the 40th anniversary of the ghetto uprising against the Nazis, a hero of the battle who spoke out against the celebrations has been placed under close police surveillance.

Friends of Marek Edelman, a cardiologist in the industrial city of Lodz, said he had been told by the authorities not to leave the city and that his movements were watched for his own protection.

Edelman, the last surviving leader of the ghetto uprising still living in Poland, issued an open letter in February saying that in Poland's political situation it would be "an act of disloyalty to our struggle" to attend the official celebrations.

Since then he has been visited by

**Towards a Beautiful Israel...**

On the occasion of Israel's 35th Independence Day, The Jerusalem Post will publish a special supplement, on the theme of ecology, environment and quality of life.

The supplement will appear with The Jerusalem Post of Sunday, April 17.



Defence Minister Moshe Arens, escorted by South Lebanon militia leader Maj. Sa'ad Haddad, inspects militia troops yesterday at Haddad's Marjayoun headquarters. In the bottom picture, Arens visits a wounded IDF soldier at Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

(Yossi Elmakim, Paul Meling)

## Arens calls Haddad 'great patriot'

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

MARJAYOUN. — Defence Minister Moshe Arens met here yesterday with South Lebanese militia commander Maj. Sa'ad Haddad to discuss relations between Israel and the enclave controlled by the militia.

Arens said after the meeting that a positive change appears likely on the part of the Lebanese government concerning Haddad's future role in the region. "Haddad is a great patriot, a friend of Israel," he said, asserting that "our relations with Haddad will serve as a lever towards the establishment of relations with the rest of Lebanon."

## Soldier killed as bus hit in Lebanon

Small arms fire killed an Israeli soldier and wounded two others yesterday afternoon when a bus carrying soldiers was attacked south of Rashidiya, 20 km. north of the Lebanon border, the IDF spokesman said last night.

The command said troops returned the fire, and a search was

## Major still held for Flatto-Sharon trip to Lebanon

**Post Defence Correspondent**

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## Negotiators see accord soon on all but Haddad

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

Negotiators at Halde yesterday wound up four straight days of talks, voicing satisfaction at the progress made and seeming optimistic that an agreement can be concluded soon.

The dispute over South Lebanon militia leader Maj. Sa'ad Haddad's future was not aired at yesterday's session. The delegates apparently feel that this will be resolved on the top political level (through U.S. envoy Philip Habib), once the other, and lesser, still-outstanding items are settled.

The two heads of delegation, David Kimche and Antoine Fattal, together with Habib, spent yesterday reviewing the draft clauses and trying to agree on compromise wording where blanks had been left in the text because of disputes.

Habib is to meet this morning with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Concerning the seizure of Israeli goods by Lebanese authorities, for the alleged purpose of stopping illegal imports into Lebanon, Israeli delegation spokesman Yosef Amihud said on Army Radio last night that Israel "will not drop this issue."

He said that Kimche brought up the issue "strongly and with great firmness," demanding a reply. He said Fattal explained that the Lebanese foreign minister had not yet had a chance to discuss this issue with him, but he promised that "by the next session he would have a reply for us."

The independent Beirut newspaper, *Al-Nahar*, whose publisher, Hassan Tuani, is Lebanon's chief

## Syria said linked to Sartawi assassination

**HIRSH GOODMAN Post Defence Correspondent**

There are clear indications that the assassination of Issam Sartawi at the Socialist International meeting in Portugal last Sunday, was coordinated with the Syrians, according to sources. While the actual killing was carried out by Sabri Banna's (Abu Nidal) organization, the announcement claiming credit for the murder came from the group's Damascus headquarters and not from the main office in Iraq.

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## Syria to fight any revival of Reagan plan

**By DAVID BERNSTEIN Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies**

Syria served notice yesterday that it will continue to veto any bid to salvage U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace initiatives. Damascus made clear that it will not remove its opposition to the PLO granting Jordan a mandate to enter negotiations on the basis of the American plan.

Syrian President Hafez Assad was reported to have called in two leading PLO radicals, Naif Hawatme of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Ahmed Jihri of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, to discuss "Zionist and American designs aimed at liquidating the Palestine problem."

Hawatme and Jihri are believed to have been among the PLO leaders who last week prevented organization chairman Yasser Arafat from giving Jordan's King Hussein the go-ahead to enter the peace process.

Yesterday's meeting in Damascus coincided with reports that Arafat plans to call an emergency meeting of the PLO executive committee in Tunis to review the situation.

Arafat returned yesterday to Tunis from Sweden, where he was reported optimistic about the

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The main purpose behind the assassination of the PLO moderate, according to analysts, was to impress upon PLO chairman Yasser Arafat that PLO moderation had gone too far, as had the organizations "flirting" with the Hussein-American axis, working toward talks with Israel.

Syria Shares Banna's aim on this count and since 1980, when Banna opened an office in Damascus (despite hostile relations between Syria and Iraq) there have been signs of growing co-operation

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between Syrian intelligence and the renegade Palestinian group.

After his split from Fatah to form Revolutionary Fatah in 1974, Banna worked almost exclusively with the Iraqis. His organization has claimed responsibility for seven assassinations of PLO moderates since 1977, and carried out an attack on the Iranian Embassy in London three years ago on behalf of Baghdad.

Included in Banna's list of victims is Sa'ad Hamami (PLO representative in London, January 4, 1978);

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## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President of the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce Menashe Eliahar was guest of honour at a reception yesterday given by U.S. Consul-General in Jerusalem Brandon Grove.

The South African Ambassador and Mrs. David de V. du Buisson were guests of honour at a reception at the Jerusalem home of the former chairman of the South African Zionist Federation and Mrs. Sol Liebgott, Wednesday evening. Among those present were Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, the British Consul General and Mrs. Donald Hamley and former Israeli diplomatic representatives in South Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Simha Pratt, Dr. and Mrs. Eliezer Yagou and Ya'acov Doron.

The Scheinfeld Chair in Human Behaviour Genetics, endowed by the Sylvia and Aaron Scheinfeld Foundation in memory of Aaron and Amram Scheinfeld, was inaugurated yesterday at the Hebrew University in the presence of Mrs. Sylvia Scheinfeld of Chicago. Prof. Lee Willerman, visiting professor from the University of Texas at Austin, delivered the inaugural lecture. Held at the Maierdorf Faculty Club on the Mount Scopus campus, the ceremony was chaired by Hebrew University President Avraham Harman.

The German-speaking Brother Lodge Yediduth will celebrate Yom Ha'atzmat on the evening of April 19 at B'nai B'rith House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, Tel Aviv. Guests are welcome. For particulars call 220242 or 255574.

Professor Noah Lotan will speak on "Bio-medical engineering" at the Haifa Engineers Club, at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations, 674583.

## ARRIVALS

The Montreal President's Mission of the Combined Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal of Canada, led by Harold Brownstein, 1983 campaign chairman of the CJA; Morton Brownstein, president of the UJA of Canada; and Gordon Brown, honorary president.

## Mossad operations said 'better than Le Carre'

Jerusalem Post Staff  
A former head of the Mossad has said that novelist John Le Carre's spy stories are "fairly tales compared with the real thing."  
Yitzhak Hafi, who retired last year as head of Israel's espionage agency, told the weekly *Kohet Rashit* that he had read Le Carre's novels and considered the real espionage world more exciting.  
"All these stories are fairy tales compared with the real thing," Hafi was quoted as saying. "The imaginativeness I witnessed in our operations surpasses everything described in the (Le Carre) books."  
Hafi criticized the British writer's latest novel, *The Little Drummer Girl*, about the undercover war between Israeli agents and Palestinian terrorists. He considered it anti-Israeli slander, despite Le Carre's strongly stated support for the Jewish state.

Anybody knowing the whereabouts of  
**IRENE KARPELES-LULU**  
Formerly of "Barkochba" — Brno/Bratislava  
as well as any former members of the swimming club, Barkochba, Bratislava are requested to phone 03-294222, extension 39 between 7 and 9 a.m.

## HOME NEWS

### Arens won't rebuke Eitan for 'cockroaches'

Defence Minister Moshe Arens does not intend to rebuke Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan for his remarks on Tuesday about Arab stone-throwers, or to conduct an investigation into the matter.

In response to the telegram sent to Arens on Wednesday by 18 Alignment and Shinui Knesset members demanding that he rebuke Eitan, the ministry spokesman yesterday issued the following statement:

"The chief of staff's remarks were made in a closed session of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and I have not yet had the opportunity to check what he said, and in what context."

"The protocol of the session has not yet been transcribed, and I have not yet received it."

"Concerning the issue itself, I explained my position on the Moked television programme that was broadcast last night (Wednesday), that I do not intend to conduct an investigation into the remarks of Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, which were made at various forums, shortly before his leaving his position and the IDF."

Discussing at Tuesday's committee meeting the rash of stone-throwing in Judea and Samaria, Eitan said that when 100 settlements are established between Nablus and Jerusalem stones will no longer be

thrown at Jews there.

He then reportedly added: "We shall create facts, the settlements will be established, and then the Arab stone-throwers will scurry about like cockroaches in a bottle."

Shinui MK Mordechai Virshubsky yesterday urged Prime Minister Menachem Begin to repudiate Eitan's statement "making a comparison between Palestinians and cockroaches in a bottle."

Compass, the leftist student organization, and Mamam's Young Guard held a protest yesterday at Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, where Eitan attended a farewell event in his honour arranged by the Israel Defence Fund.

The protesters dispersed about 15 minutes after Eitan entered the hall.

Nahariya Mayor Ephraim Sharir has written Eitan explaining the municipal council's rejection of a motion to grant him the freedom of the city.

Sharir explains that the motion was made not to honour him, but as a political act to embarrass Sharir himself, who objected to a "spontaneous decision" not previously thrashed out in the various factions.

"The inhabitants of Nahariya and Western Galilee owe you a great debt, and we shall choose the right time, place, and manner to express our gratitude and appreciation," Sharir wrote.

### War victim buried in Petah Tikva

PETAH TIKVA (Ilim). — Turai Rishon (lance corporal) Asahel Wahab, 19, was buried yesterday afternoon in the military section of the cemetery here. He was killed on Wednesday when his vehicle was ambushed near Deir al-Kamar in the Shouf Mountains of central Lebanon.

A large crowd attended the funeral, including a delegation from the Petah Tikva municipality, headed by Mayor Dov Tavori, his deputy and the town secretary. The soldier's parents are both veteran city employees.

"It is not just the pain of a man's passing," eulogized Tavori, "but a feeling that a generation is losing its

life and its meaning for the needs of the State of Israel." He expressed the hope that "we shall achieve peace, and the terrible pain will cease."

Rabbi Yisrael Sharabi, of the Mahaneh Yehuda neighbourhood where Wahab grew up, noted that the young man had served only eight months in the army before he was killed.

Wahab was born in Petah Tikva and completed his studies at the yeshiva-trade school Tora Ulmacha in Tel Aviv, majoring in automotive mechanics. He is survived by his parents, three sisters and three brothers.

### 1,000 UJA visitors 'shoot' Merkava tanks in Golan

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
GOLAN HEIGHTS. — A detachment of Merkava tanks was repeatedly "shot" and finally overwhelmed by a thousand camera-clicking young United Jewish Appeal leaders yesterday.

The visitors were permitted to view an armoured assault exercise on a fortified "enemy" position, near the Syrian border. It was one of the highlights of their 11-day tour of Israel.

The exercise started with a demonstration of machine gun fire by a Merkava tank, which drew up next to the hilltop from where the visitors were. But when, suddenly, the tank fired its 105 mm. cannon with a bright flash and a shattering roar, there was a surprised gasp as hands went up to protect ear-drums.

Seven tanks, backed up by self-propelled mortars on tracked armoured vehicles, advanced while firing their guns, a specialty that has put the Israeli-made Merkava into the superior class of fighting vehicles. To the delight of the appreciative spectators, they scored bull's eyes after bull's eyes on their targets which blew up in little bursts of thick white smoke that drifted into the clear sky to turn into wispy clouds.

Finally, three tanks advanced on the spectators "to give you an idea of what it looks like to be on the receiving end," and with a burst of speed pulled up just before making contact and released a multicoloured smokescreen that should show up well on snapshots.

The crews jumped out to receive a standing ovation.

"Scary" was how one visitor summed up the



Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir shakes hands with Bruce Laingen, head of a delegation of senior officers of the U.S. Army War College, in his office in Jerusalem yesterday. Laingen, formerly ambassador to Iran, now lectures at the college. Looking on is Jerry Osbensen, another member of the delegation. (Zoom 77)

### Egypt, Jordan resume trade

CAIRO. — Egypt and Jordan yesterday formally announced the resumption of trade relations, four years after an Arab summit severed all links with Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Officials said the trade agreement stipulates the restoration of the 1978 protocol under which Egypt sold Jordan rice, onions, potatoes, peanuts, cotton, textiles, imported leather, woolen clothes and batteries.

Contacts between Egypt and Jordan resumed after Israel completed its withdrawal from Sinai un-

der the treaty last April 25, and were stepped up following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein had two private meetings in New Delhi, India, during last month's Non-Aligned summit.

Hussein's brother, Prince Mohammed, told local newspapers during a visit to Cairo earlier this month that he expected Jordan and Egypt to resume diplomatic relations in the near future. (Reuter, AP)

### Sidon Palestinians threatened by Lebanese

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — About 100 Palestinian families, living in Sidon complained yesterday to UNRWA officials that local residents had broken into their homes and threatened to harm them if they did not leave.

The UN officials forwarded the complaint to Israeli officers, who promised that units would be sent to the area to end such threats.

At the same time, Israel is inter-

rogating several Lebanese suspected of holding extremist anti-Palestinian views to find out if they were involved in the threats. They were told that if such incidents do not stop, the IDF will take more drastic steps.

The Lebanese said that the Palestinians involved had squatted in homes that once belonged to Lebanese. Many Lebanese who fled their homes in the south during the civil war of the last eight years recently returned to the area and complained that their former homes had been taken.

live exercise. "Of course, we're proud of how brave these young soldiers are, but if I were a mother in Israel, I'd be frightened," she said. Her husband nodded assent.

Andrea Brookman, a young media consultant from Philadelphia, who has not been in Israel before, told *The Jerusalem Post*: "We've always worked hard for Israel in Philadelphia, but now we'll work even harder."

The visitors were welcomed by the commanding officer of the forces in Golan, who told them that the "Merkava tank you'll see today is the best in the world." If the Syrians ever launch an attack in the Golan, he said, his men would hold them until reinforcements come to smash them. The exercise lasted for over half an hour. The UJA young leaders were then luncheon guests of various army units in the Golan.

### Two men burned by blaze in car

KATZRIN (Ilim). — Two men were brought to the local Magen David Adom station yesterday after being severely burned when their car caught fire in the Katzrin industrial zone.

An IDF doctor, who was sum-

moned from a nearby army camp, ordered the men, Shalom Benny and Ya'acov Spiegel, flown by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. The hospital reported them out of danger last night. Cause of the fire is unknown.

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### Maccabi tops again

Post Sports Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — For all their disappointment in the European Cup, Ralph Klein and Tal Brodie, Maccabi Tel Aviv's departing coaches, were given a fitting send-off last night when their team again came out on top to win the State Basketball Cup with a 99-94 triumph over Hapoel Tel Aviv at Yad Eliyahu stadium which gave them yet another Cup and League double.

President Yitzhak Navon presented the Cup to the winners.

Hapoel Tel Aviv produced one of their best games of the season and held Maccabi all the way. Scores were level pegging until a three-minute drought period afflicted Hapoel ten minutes from the end. They had been leading 66-65 when Berkowitz and Zimmerman ran up twelve devastating points — from unexpected angles without reply. Hapoel were unfazed by the deficit. Bravely, they took the game by the throat, threatened Maccabi's

hegemony, and gradually sneaked to within a single point of the Maccabi lead. Then Lavon Mercer who had had a tremendous match missed an easy shot at a key moment. Zimmerman steadied things again and Maccabi held off the gallant challenge.

The clean fast running game brought to a fitting climax the best season ever of local basketball.

Klein paid generous tribute to Hapoel's "great fight." Asked why he was leaving Maccabi to take up an appointment in West Germany Klein said, "I've given the maximum. I feel I can't contribute anything more to Maccabi's further success. My thanks go to our loyal fans who have contributed so much to the club's achievements."

Top Scorers: Maccabi — Zimmerman 23, Perry Berkowitz 25, Perry Z. Hapoel — Mercer 32, Walker 22, Ramsey 20.

Maccabi Drom Ramat Chen defeated Hapoel Haifa to take the State Cup for women's basketball.

### Israeli, Syrian jets fly over Lebanon

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Israeli and Syrian planes flew over the Bekaa valley of eastern Lebanon yesterday, and Israeli planes also flew over parts of north Lebanon, according to Lebanese security sources.

In Jerusalem last night, Israeli military sources stressed there was no unusual air activity or troop movements. "We do not comment on our movements," said a military spokesman, "but we can report no unusual activity."

Israeli planes make fairly fre-

quent reconnaissance flights over parts of Lebanon but there have been no reports of Syrian overflights for some months.

State-run Beirut radio said Israeli planes made intensive flights over the Bekaa, South Lebanon and the Lebanese coastline and staged what it called "mock raids."

There have been unconfirmed radio reports here in recent weeks that both Israel and Syria are reinforcing their positions in the Bekaa, and occasionally exchanging fire.

### NEGOTIATORS

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withdrawal talks coordinator, said yesterday outstanding differences over security measures in Southern Lebanon remain the sticking point.

"An agreement has been reached by the three negotiating parties on Haddad's role in the security arrangements in the south. But the three sides decided not to spell this out until a final withdrawal accord is reached," *An-Nahar* said.

It said, without citing any source for the report, that the Lebanese side told Wednesday's session in Haifa, "Lebanon is willing to have Haddad's cooperation in the south, without him being at the helm of the military pyramid there."

President Amin Jemayel's government contends that any role given Haddad in the south would prompt Syria to demand a similar role for a renegade leftist Lebanese

officer, Lt. Ahmed Khatib, in eastern Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley.

Haddad and Khatib broke away from the army during Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war between rightists and an alliance of mostly Muslim leftists and Palestinians.

*An-Nahar* said Lebanon and Israel are also still in sharp disagreement on trade across their border during a six-month transitional period. Lebanon is demanding, between the actual withdrawal of troops and defining post-war relations between the two nations.

The newspaper, however, said Israel has agreed to drop its insistence on "open borders" between the two countries when the Lebanese draft agreement came up with the alternative of an "unclosed border." The difference was not spelled out.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear mother and grandmother

**ROSA MARASH**  
The funeral will take place today, Friday, April 15, 1983, leaving at 11 a.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Mourning by  
Her sons, Mayer, Jacob, Joshua and Isaac  
Her daughters, Rachel, Sara and Abigail  
and their families

We deeply mourn the death of our dear  
**HARRY (Zvi) NARUNSKY**  
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The bereaved:  
His children, Reuben and Yvonne Isidore and Merle Esala  
Grandchildren and great-grandchildren

The Israel Bond Organization  
mourns the loss of  
**Prof. Dr. AKIVA EISENBERG**  
Chief Rabbi of Vienna, Austria  
and extends condolences to the family.

In deep sorrow, we announce the sudden passing of our dear mother, wife, daughter, sister, and sister-in-law  
**CLILA AGAM**  
The funeral will take place today, Friday, April 15, 1983, leaving at 1.00 p.m. from the home of the deceased, 2a Rehov Eisenberg, Rehovot, for Rehovot Cemetery. A bus will be available for those attending. Shiva at the Lusternik residence, 2 Rehov Eisenberg, Rehovot.  
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Children: Ron, Orram, Orit  
Mother: Aviva Lusternik  
Brother: Dov Lusternik and family  
Sister: Ada Trachtenberg and family



## JERUSALEM POST POLL

## Begin's popularity on the rise, Israelis become more hawkish

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin's popularity remains high, but that of President Yitzhak Navon has suffered a fall. These are the findings of the latest Jerusalem Post poll, which also indicates that while half of the public would support the idea of a temporary halt to settlement in order to draw Jordan into the peace talks, over half opposes any territorial concession whatever to Jordan as part of any peace agreement that might be worked out.

The poll, conducted for The Jerusalem Post by the Mod'In Ezrahi research institute, further indicates that hawkish views are consistently gaining strength in Israeli public opinion, while the political centre is weakening. The poll, directed by Dr. Sarah Shemer, was carried out between March 15 and 23. A representative sample of 1,216 Jewish Israelis was interviewed.

As a gauge of popularity of those considered by the public to be leading contenders for the post of prime minister, those polled were asked to name the man best suited to be prime minister. The current premier, Menachem Begin, maintains his very wide lead, and was chosen by 45.6 per cent of the respondents. This represents a slight increase over the February poll in which he was chosen by 44.7 per cent.

But, in all, says Shemer, he has maintained a steady level of popularity over the past six months and now has three times as much support as his nearest Alignment rival.

The nearest rival, according to public opinion, is President Yitzhak Navon, who is most popular among the would-be Labour contenders. However, Navon's popularity has declined from 22.9 per cent in February to only 15 per cent, even lower than the 18.4 per cent he scored last October.

The next in popularity among Labour public figures, is former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who is the choice of 5.4 per cent, a slight rise over last month, but still well below the 11.1 per cent he garnered last October.

Labour chairman Shimon Peres came in fourth, doing slightly better at 3.9 per cent, as against 3.6 per cent a month earlier. The rest of those polled did not reply or gave their support to a variety of public figures, hardly any of whom received more than 1 per cent.

Another question put to the respondents was whether they would support a temporary halt to settlement, for a specified time period only, in order to facilitate peace

## TA to try worker for cursing Lahat

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The city is filing charges against a municipal inspector from Kfar Shalem for cursing Mayor Shlomo Lahat after work hours.

The Southern Quarters' Action Committee and members of Tami Youth said yesterday they intend to fight the city's attempt to hold a "Dreyfus trial" for Yoav Menahem.

In the suit, which is to be heard in the municipal disciplinary court next Thursday, the city will maintain that Menahem, a municipal in-

spector, called Lahat "murderer" and "idiot," when the mayor visited Kfar Shalem.

The incident occurred shortly after Kfar Shalem resident Shimon Yehoshua was shot dead by the police when he tried to prevent the demolition of an illegal addition to his family's house several months ago.

A few years ago, Menahem received the outstanding worker award from Lahat. Since the cursing incident, Menahem has been unofficially demoted to ordinary inspector, and municipal sources said he would probably be fired soon.

## Arloroff murder commission to meet next week

The commission of inquiry into the murder of Haim Arloroff 50 years ago will hold its first session on Tuesday in Tel Aviv.

Scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. at Beit Romano, 9 Jaffa Road, are retired Supreme Court justice David Bechor, chairman, Judge Max Kennet and Prof. Eliezer Berkovits, together with commission coordinator Judge Alon Gilon. On the agenda is a determination of

the commission's procedure. The commission will decide who to hear from among the 20 persons who have offered to give oral or written testimony.

Labour Zionist leader Arloroff was murdered on the Tel Aviv beach in 1933. Two members of the Revisionist movement, forerunner of today's ruling Herut Party, were charged with the murder but acquitted for lack of evidence.

## Haifa U. professor gets W. German award

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — West German Ambassador Niels Hansen awarded his country's Order of Merit-First Class to Haifa University historian Prof. Alex Carmel in a special ceremony yesterday.

The award is in recognition of Carmel's pioneering work in researching German activities in 19th century Palestine, his contribution towards fostering cooperation

between Haifa University and various academic institutions in West Germany and his efforts to bring together Jews and Arabs within the framework of the university's Arab-Jewish centre.

Carmel said the fact that he, as a Jew and an Israeli, can receive an award from Germany with pride, is testimony to the change that has taken place in the last generation in relations between the two peoples.

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President Yitzhak Navon waves as he and Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel greet the crowd that turned out during Navon's farewell visit to the Histadrut Building in Tel Aviv yesterday.

(Rivka Finder)

## Fallen to be remembered

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The fallen of the Lebanon war, as well as all soldiers who died in Israel's previous conflicts, will be remembered on Memorial Day, which begins tomorrow evening.

A two-minute siren will sound at 8.30 p.m., bringing flags to half staff and opening the central memorial ceremony at Jerusalem's Western Wall. President Yitzhak Navon and Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan will be present, along with representatives of the bereaved families. Memorial assemblies will take place in the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv and near the Yiftah memorial in Haifa. Memorial services will take place tomorrow night in all the country's synagogues.

All places of entertainment will be closed and TV and radio will

devote programmes to the occasion. Special lessons relating to Memorial Day will be taught in schools.

At 7 a.m. on Sunday, Israel Radio will broadcast a special message of Yad Lebanon to the bereaved families, and more memorial services will be held in synagogues. At 10 a.m., a message by Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer will be broadcast on radio.

A second two-minute siren will be heard at 11 a.m., bringing traffic to a halt. Immediately following will be memorial services in 41 military cemeteries around the country, attended by bereaved families, ministers, MKs and youth movement representatives. Memorial Day will end at 6.45 p.m. Sunday, as Independence Day is ushered in.

## Yeroham to host Negev Independence Day fete

BEERSHEBA. — The Negev's largest Independence Day celebration will take place on Monday in the small town of Yeroham, population 7,000.

In the morning, Yeroham will hold a reception for many of Israel's 35,000 war wounded and their families. In the afternoon, there will

be an aerial exhibition of gliders and free-fall sky diving, a festival of 13 ethnic folk-dance groups including Druse and Circassians, a flower show and an exhibit of 200 paintings by artists who will vie for the first Negev Prize.

Another event will be Israel's first cross-country motorcycle race.

## Arens visits soldiers in Haifa hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Defence Minister Moshe Arens visited wounded soldiers at Rambam Hospital yesterday. He toured the wards for an hour and spoke to several soldiers injured in recent terrorist ambushes in Lebanon.

Paratrooper Benny Ma'aman, who celebrated his 19th birthday yesterday, described to Arens how he was injured in an RPG attack on his patrol near Ain Zahalta last Tuesday. Ma'aman suffered leg and arm injuries.

Another young soldier, who was

wounded in the head and is in the neurosurgery department, was unable to answer the minister's questions. A doctor told Arens the soldier's life had been saved by emergency medical treatment received in the field.

Hospital director, Prof. Yosef Brandes, said that the hospital had treated more than 1,500 wounded, about 230 of them non-Israelis, including Syrians and Lebanese.

Arens told reporters he would do all in his power to prevent a renewal of hostilities. But Israel must always be ready for war.

## 'Roadside gynecologist' held for fraud

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Convicted swindler Maurice Azouri, on trial for impersonating a gynecologist and performing indecent acts on hitchhikers, has been re-arrested on suspicion of trying to defraud investors of an estimated \$6 million.

Azouri is also known as Moshe Gur. Police said Azouri, 42, used six days' leave from jail — granted to him to attend to business affairs — to forge import licences for \$6m. worth of iron reinforcing rods, which are employed in construction. Investigators say he was trying to raise the money on the basis of the forged documents.

The magistrates court yesterday ruled that Azouri could be freed on \$120,000 bail, but delayed his release for 24 hours to allow police to appeal the decision.

## Navons to borrow flat until they find a home

President Yitzhak Navon and his family will live for several months after leaving Beit Hanassi in the four-bedroom apartment of London music impresario Victor Hochhauser, located in Jerusalem's Yemin Moshe quarter.

## Peace Now man questioned about damage at Kedumim

Jerusalem Post Staff

NABLUS. — Police yesterday arrested a Peace Now "settler" at the group's protest camp near here on suspicion of damaging computers and mechanical equipment at the nearby Gush Emunim settlement of Kedumim. But the man was released by yesterday evening.

Settlers at Kedumim said they discovered the damage Sunday morning, two days before Peace Now set up camp to protest the scheduled Independence Day dedication of Upper Nabulus. The settlers estimated damage at millions of shekels and blamed the Peace Now members.

Peace Now called the charges ridiculous and said the arrest stemmed from a "joke" by the man taken into custody. Some settlers had visited the protest camp, a spokesman explained, and in the course of a debate, invited the demonstrators to visit their homes.

A Peace Now activist quipped, "We already visited Kedumim."

and the settlers promptly filed a complaint with police.

A delegation of Knesset members is due to make a solidarity visit to the Peace Now camp today, the spokesman said, including Labour, Mapam and Shinui MKs.

New protesters arrived yesterday, replacing the previous group. The army, which has closed the area, has allowed substitution but has forbidden the addition of more Peace Now members.

Nevertheless, the movement is going ahead with plans for a mass demonstration at the site on Monday, unless the government cancels the dedication. It promised that the rally will be quiet and orderly unless there is provocation from the other side.

Responding to charges by permanent settlers in the area that the protest camp is causing ferment among West Bank Arabs, Peace Now said that "everyone knows who has been provoking the residents for years now."

## Teachers reject gov't offer as 'marginal'

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The two teachers unions (the Histadrut Teachers Union and the Secondary School Teachers Association) yesterday rejected as "marginal" the proposals that government representatives be brought to the negotiations on implementing the Elzoni committee's recommendations.

The teachers promised not to step up their sanctions before then, although the sanctions in force will continue.

Since Tuesday, teachers have refrained from taking classes on outings and field trips (though those scheduled for Memorial Day will not be affected). Higher-level administrative personnel have refrained from holding meetings and other actions necessary for the orderly ending of this school year and for planning the opening of school in September.

The representatives of the Education and Finance Ministries

promised to bring new proposals to the next negotiating session in Jerusalem on Wednesday. These will include a time-table for implementing the recommendations, and details on budget allocations for this purpose.

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Jewish schoolboys from Hod Hasharon meet with their Arab counterparts at Baka al-Gharbiya yesterday.

(JPPA)

## Haifa man surprises 2 burglars in his home

HAIFA. — A man made a citizen's arrest when he discovered two burglars in his home in Rehov Weizmann in Kiryat Bialik yesterday morning. The man, Noah Ya'acov, chased the two and caught one of them who tried to stab him with a screwdriver. Passersby helped Ya'acov restrain the attacker who was taken into police custody. The search for the other man is continuing.

In another incident, three masked men armed with knives and a pistol broke into the apartment of a woman dentist in Kiryat Yam early yesterday morning. They tied her up and stole jewelry and other property, including the telephone, reportedly worth about \$200,000 before leaving through the front door. The woman freed herself and called police who later recovered some of the stolen property.

## First woman to head Jerusalem traffic police

Jerusalem's new police officer in charge of traffic control is Rav-Pakad (Superintendent) Sarah Zeduin, 35, the first woman ever to hold the job.

An 18-year veteran of the force, Zeduin replaces Rav-Pakad Mordechai Sareket, 42, who has been appointed deputy commander of the Judea sub-district.

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## Gulf war rages on southern front

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP). — Iranian forces liberated more Iraqi-occupied territory and killed or wounded more than 2,000 Iraqi troops in fierce battles that raged yesterday in the southern battlefield, the official Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

Baghdad Radio, quoting a military spokesman, said however the Iraqi forces repulsed a pre-dawn Iranian attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Both sides said heavy fighting with all kind of weapons was continuing at sundown yesterday in the Val Fajr operation area, where the Iranians launched a major offensive last Sunday.

Earlier Iran said its forces had liberated five strategic hills and a string of villages in a 150 sq. kms area opposite the southern Iraqi governorate of Missan.

Baghdad Radio said the Iranians

began their new assault in the early morning in the regions of its 51st and 108th infantry brigades, but that the attackers were intercepted and repulsed.

It added that Iraqi warplanes and helicopter gunships made a total of 158 bombing runs against the attacking Iranians and in other areas of the 30-km Val Fajr front.

IRNA said the Iranian forces shot down three Iraqi helicopter gunships yesterday, bringing the total to five helicopter gunships shot down in the past five days.

The Iranians also claim that the Val Fajr offensive has so far cost the Iraqis 8,400 soldiers killed or wounded, including yesterday's casualties.

IRNA quoted Kamal Kharrazi, director of the war-information headquarters, as saying that Iraq was preparing to fire Frog missiles at Iranian border cities in retaliation

for their "stunning defeats" on the Val Fajr front.

Capt. Bahram Afzali, commander of the Iranian navy, charged in a press conference in Teheran that the Iraqi gunboats that attacked Iran's Ardeshir oilfield with missiles on Tuesday night came via Kuwaiti territorial waters "and were receiving Kuwaiti support." There was no Iraqi or Kuwaiti comment on this.

In another development, prospects dimmed yesterday for a political accord between Iran and Iraq that would allow repair crews to cap shattered oil wells which have polluted the Persian Gulf with a giant oil slick.

For the second consecutive day, wide differences between the two neighbours delayed the formal opening of a meeting in Kuwait of ministers from the eight Gulf States threatened by the oil, delegates said.

## Gandhi's producer to attend 'whites-only' showing in S.A.

LONDON (AP). — Sir Richard Attenborough said yesterday he plans to attend a whites-only premiere in South Africa of his Oscar-winning film *Gandhi* because its message of human dignity and non-violence "is so vital for both whites and blacks."

Speaking to reporters on his arrival here from Los Angeles, Attenborough said: "Although I will be going to the premiere for a white audience, I have also been granted a permit to go to Soweto for the premiere for a black audience and I will be attending that as well."

"I believe that the tone of the film is such and it being shown is so vital for both whites and blacks that I was prepared to accept the conditions," he said.

Attenborough's decision to attend the whites-only premiere, which has made front-page headlines in Britain, was raised in Parliament yesterday during question time.

A member of the opposition Labour Party asked Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to "make a personal plea" to Attenborough to call off the trip.

"This is a matter for Sir Richard

Attenborough and he must be free wholly to decide on his own grounds," Thatcher replied.

Earlier yesterday, Mahatma Gandhi's adopted granddaughter said Attenborough's decision to promote the film in South Africa "is an insult to Gandhi's beliefs."

Mrs. Naidoo said members of Gandhi's family were still being persecuted in South Africa for trying to uphold his principles.

Gandhi's real granddaughter, Ela Ramgobin, who lives at the Phoenix settlement near Durban, was a "banned" person until 1981 and her husband, Mawlal Ramgobin, a former member of the Natal Indian Congress, is under a banning order until 1986, she said.

Mrs. Naidoo said her youngest brother, Prema Naidoo, was just released from a South African prison after serving a year for helping a prisoner escape.

Gandhi lived in South Africa from 1893 to 1914, fighting discrimination against Indians, a struggle depicted in the movie. While there, he adopted the four sons of a friend, one of them Mrs. Naidoo's late father.

## 4 anti-nuclear protesters held in London

LONDON (AP). — Four anti-nuclear protesters were arrested outside the defence ministry yesterday after they splattered what they claimed was their own blood mixed with ashes over the entrance to the building.

The four were members of the Catholic Peace Action group who have participated in a string of anti-nuclear protests around Britain in recent weeks.

Scotland Yard confirmed the four were arrested after they refused to disperse. But police said they have not yet been charged with any offence.

The group's spokesman, Dan Martin, 28, of Sacramento, California, told the Associated Press: "We believe the arms race is insane, immoral and idolatrous."

"Our action today was a deliberate attempt to break the law non-violently to protest against nuclear weapons and the war machine."

Martin said a doctor drew the blood from the protesters last week. They carried it in plastic containers with the ashes, symbolizing the destructiveness of nuclear weapons.

## Poll shows Labour catching Thatcher

LONDON. — Britain's Labour Party is rapidly catching up in popularity with the ruling Conservative Party, a Gallup Poll showed yesterday.

The survey, taken for the *Daily Telegraph*, was published amid increasing speculation that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will call a general election in June, a year early.

The poll showed the Conservative lead over Labour down to 5.5 points, compared with 11 points a month ago.

Pro-Conservative national newspapers are urging Thatcher to go to the country in June, while the polls still promise victory.

But aides say she remains undecided between the options — June, the fall, or running to near the end of her five-year term next May.

## Police grill Mrs. Walesa, but she spurns all questions

GDANSK, Poland (AP). — Danuta Walesa, wife of Solidarity chief Lech Walesa, said she was searched and questioned by Gdansk police for three hours yesterday about her husband's contacts with underground union leaders.

She said Walesa also was body-searched prior to nearly five hours of interrogation Wednesday.

Mrs. Walesa appeared in good spirits on her return home from Gdansk police headquarters and told western reporters she had been asked about her husband's whereabouts during his absence from home between April 9-11.

She said she told the interrogating officers she had no idea.

"I do not know where he was. After all, he is a grown-up person and as far as I am concerned he was simply away for three days. I am not interested where he was," she said she told the officers.

She described the officers as polite, "even though they searched

me prior to questioning, possibly looking for a hidden bomb."

Walesa told reporters just before he drove with his wife to the police station. "I told Danuta to refuse to answer any questions."

The summons ordering Mrs. Walesa to the police station said authorities wanted to question her as a "witness," but did not specify the nature of the inquiry.

Walesa said that when police "pointed out to me that I had contacts with criminal elements (the Solidarity underground) my reply was that I was a free man and that meant I was free to meet who ever I chose, including criminal elements, provided these meetings did not lead to any crimes."

The five members of Solidarity's fugitive "temporary coordinating commission," with whom he met over the weekend, later issued a communiqué yesterday confirming that they had discussed "joint positions" with Walesa.



Smoke billows from Iranian oil rigs damaged by Iraqi attacks in the Persian Gulf this week, added more spillage to the huge oil slick which threatens the coasts of several Gulf states. (UPI telephoto)

## Top U.S. Nazi gets out on parole

PONTIAC, Illinois (AP). — The former national director of the American Nazi Party has been paroled after serving three years of a seven-year sentence for taking indecent liberties with children.

Frank Collin, 38, was convicted by a Cook County jury in 1980 of sexually abusing young boys. He was released from the Pontiac correctional center on Wednesday.

In 1978, Collin planned a march on the north Chicago suburb of Skokie. The plan outraged Jewish

residents — many of whom were survivors of World War II concentration camps — and touched off a First Amendment debate.

After winning in court, Collin called off the march and instead held a small rally in Chicago.

**STRIKERS.** — More than 1,000 striking textile mill workers, including their leader, Datta Samant, were arrested in Bombay yesterday for defying an official ban on demonstrations.

## Rhinelanders weigh damage as floods begin to recede

BONN (Reuters). — Flood waters from the rain-swollen Rhine River began to recede yesterday, but officials said it would take weeks to repair damage in Cologne, Bonn and other Rhineland towns.

Much of the historic old centre of Cologne is still under water, swamping restaurants, bars and nightclubs and causing a third day of traffic havoc.

One bar owner, typifying the humour with which residents have adapted to life under one metre of water, set up bar stools in the street outside his flooded establishment and served beer to the firemen.

Police in Cologne had to set up roadblocks to keep away thousands of sightseers, pressing for a glimpse of the worst floods in 13 years, who were hampering relief workers.

As the floods receded in Bonn, murky water still swashed around the entrances to the Bundestag, and in one low-lying part of the capital postmen delivered the mail by boat yesterday.

Flooding also receded in eastern France after five days of widespread inundation in which 12 people were reported to have died.

But officials said the situation was still worrying east of Paris where the levels of the Seine, Marne and Yonne rivers were likely to continue rising for another five days.

West Germany river police said barge traffic on the Rhine, West Europe's busiest inland waterway, would not resume before Sunday at the earliest.

Rhineland city officials said it was too early to assess the cost of damage, but an official in Koblenz, where flooding was the worst since 1926, said he feared severe damage from heating oil which had seeped out of flooded basements.

Trade and agriculture sources said planting of summer grain in West Germany was running three to four weeks behind schedule because of prolonged heavy rain which had waterlogged fields even in areas unaffected by the flooding.

## Eleven killed before elections in Bangkok

BANGKOK (Reuters). — Six people — one of them a candidate — were killed Wednesday as violence increased prior to Monday's general election, police said yesterday.

Democratic Party candidate Uthai Jaipong and an aide were killed when a bomb destroyed the car in which they were making a campaign tour near the northern town of Chiang Rai, and four canvassers for an independent candidate died in a hail of automatic rifle fire in a Bangkok suburb.

Eleven people have been killed this week in violence apparently linked to the election. But police said it was not clear whether all the killings were political.

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## 'Perfect' Islam draws Westerners

CAIRO (AP). — Lisollette Rumsey was an active member of the Presbyterian church and her father was a minister. But after only a few hours of reading Moslem books in a library of her native Philadelphia, she decided to convert to Islam.

"I was amazed, the Koran is so comprehensive," said Rumsey, 24, who changed her name to Laila upon conversion.

Rumsey is working now on her masters degree in Islamic history at Al-Azhar University. She is one of hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of young Europeans and Americans who convert from Christianity to Islam every year.

Official figures at Al-Azhar show that in Egypt alone, more than 1,050 people converted to Islam in the past three years. The total number of all those who annually join the world's estimated 800 million Moslems is not known.

Those wishing to convert to Islam in Egypt eventually talk with Sheikh Abdel-Fattah Baraka of the

Al-Azhar staff. The sheikh questions would-be converts on their knowledge of Islam.

In a recent interview at Al-Azhar's main offices, Baraka said he rejected about one of 10 whom he felt to be converting for pragmatic, rather than spiritual reasons.

One case Baraka cited was that of a young European woman who expressed her wish to convert, but she insisted on living with her husband and so he rejected her case.

"It would have been pointless unless her husband converted too," he said. Islam does not permit marriage between non-Moslem men and Moslem women. However, Moslem men can marry Christians or Jews.

"If I am convinced of their sincerity and belief, I proclaim them Moslems," Baraka said. The conversion ceremony is simple. The convert repeats the basic doctrine of Islam: "I testify that there is only one God and I testify that Moham-

med is his Prophet." The convert and the sheikh fill out forms, and the new Moslem receives a certificate and is welcomed into the faith.

Rumsey said she found it impossible to live as a good Moslem in the U.S., especially after she donned the costume which leaves only the face and hands uncovered.

Another convert, Austrian Alfred Huber said his parents had wanted him to be a Roman Catholic priest. After five years of travelling in Islamic countries and studying Islamic subjects, Huber converted to Islam. He now teaches German literature at Al-Azhar and is working on his Ph.D. on Islamic mysticism.

"I found Islam perfect," said Huber who changed his name to Ali.

It is more complicated for an Egyptian Copt who wants to convert to Islam. The person is questioned for 15 days by a priest and a sheikh. Then the Interior Ministry investigates his reasons before he is allowed to change his religion. Few such cases are heard of.

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## Sports

### Marvellous Mansdorf

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

ASHKELON. — Amos Mansdorf's latest victories are no flash in the pan. Israel's dynamic and somewhat temperamental tennis prodigy demonstrated that amply yesterday when he continued his terrific giant-killing act by putting out sixth seeded Austrian Peter Fiegl to reach the semi-finals of the "Dubek Cup" here. The score was 7-5, 7-6 (7-5).

Shlomo Glickstein and David Schneider make it three Israelis in the last penultimate round of the \$25,000 ATP tournament with only second-seeded Austrian Robert Reininger breaking the Israeli stranglehold on the 12-nation event. He makes up the semi-final complement.

Mansdorf who had earlier put out third seeded Hans Peter Kandler garnered 13 ATP points boosting him to 400th spot in the world in one fell swoop.

The recently crowned Asian junior champion produced some superb all court tennis in his two hour match to put out Fiegl — no

mean opponent. The 32-year-old Austrian had only a few seasons ago been as high as 35 in the world rankings until injury ate into his successes.

Mansdorf, a wild-card entry has grasped the opportunity with relish and showed his mettle when he took the first set though Fiegl was serving to go one up at 5-4. The Israeli lad's game was highlighted by five shots down both wings, sharp volleying and uncanny anticipation. Fierce returns of serve often surprised the tall Austrian. He kept his cool too after dropping two match points at 6-5, and again in the tense tie-break when he fell behind after leading 3-1 but squeezed home amid loud cheering.

Top-seeded Glickstein beat Colin Dowdall (Switz) 6-4, 6-4 in a good match, and seeded Schneider put out Sweden's Per-Ola Lindqvist and Reininger fought a titanic 240-minute battle before edging Dutch David Cupman 6-4, 6-4.

Glickstein meets Reininger in the semi-final line-up. Play this afternoon begins at 1 p.m. with tomorrow's finals (singles and doubles) getting under way at the same time.

### Spurs sink Lakers — twice

NEW YORK (AP). — The six teams battling for the final four National Basketball Association playoff berths would love to do what the San Antonio Spurs (already through to the playoffs) did — win two games in one night. New York, Washington, Kansas City and Denver all won on Wednesday night to help their postseason hopes. But Atlanta's loss to the Kings hurt their chances.

The Spurs, who have already clinched the Midwest Division title, needed just three seconds to add another game to the win column against Los Angeles after recording a 114-109 triumph over the Lakers. The game had been suspended since November 30 after the NBA ruled that officials improperly made a jump-ball call that helped the Lakers win in double overtime. After the regular game was over on

In games crucial to the playoffs, New York beat New Jersey 108-100 to pull into fifth place in the East, one-half game ahead of Washington and Atlanta. The Bulls stayed close after a 92-76 rout of Philadelphia, while the Hawks hit 114-103 to Kansas City.

In the West, the Kings' victory put them into fifth place, one-half game ahead of Portland and one game ahead of Denver, who beat Houston 131-112. In both conferences, two of the three contending teams will make the playoffs.

Elsewhere, Indiana whipped Milwaukee 113-96; Chicago trounced Cleveland 107-91; Dallas beat Boston 113-101; Dallas trounced Utah 106-99; Phoenix outscored Seattle 109-96 and Golden State beat San Diego 113-92.

### Wreckage of bomber found in Utah hills

LAS VEGAS (AP). — An American B-52 bomber found after a two-day search through snow and rain had slammed into a southern Utah mountainside in bad weather, killing all seven crewmen aboard, officials said yesterday.

The wreckage was discovered Wednesday by a search plane, one of more than 20 involved in the hunt for the bomber since it disappeared Monday afternoon.

A board of officers was being convened to investigate the accident, the Air Force said in a statement. The huge, eight-engine bomber slammed into the mountain as it approached the Nellis Air Force Base bombing range. Air Force officials said it was taking part in mock war games.

### 12 Mafia murders in Sicily in week

PALERMO, Sicily (Reuters). — Gunmen in Sicily yesterday shot dead seven men, including two Mafia bosses, renewing a spate of killing which had already resulted in five deaths this week.

Road blocks were set up on the outskirts of Sicilian towns yesterday after the flare-up of violence, which police attributed to a bitter struggle between some of the island's Mafia families.

### Petrol truck explodes in Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — A tanker truck loaded with petrol burst into flames after being hit from behind by a jeep in the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis yesterday, police sources said.

### Diaz's disobedience delights his manager

NEW YORK (AP). — Pat Corrales figured a double would do. Bo Diaz decided a grand slam was even better. With Philadelphia trailing the New York Mets 9-6 in the bottom of the ninth inning with the bases loaded and two outs in Wednesday night's American baseball action, Corrales, the Phillies' manager, sent speedy Bob Dernier to pinch-run at first base. "Don't try and hit it out of the ballpark," Corrales told Diaz as the Mets brought up relief ace Neil Allen. "Dernier is on first and he can score on a double."

"I nodded 'OK,'" Diaz said. He proceeded to run the count to 2-1 before uncapping a grand slam deep to left, capping a five-run rally and powering the Phillies to a dramatic 10-9 victory.

"Oh man, it was a good feeling," Diaz beamed.

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### SCOREBOARD

**TENNIS:** After a last period Jimmy Connors enjoyed a welcome return to form with a bonus, win. He put out Eric Fromm in the latest men's tournament in Los Angeles winning 6-0, 6-3; Fritz Buehning scored the major upset of the week, defeating Eliot Teltscher 6-6, 6-4, 6-4. Others through are John Kriek, Robert von der Horst, Brian Gottfried and Tim Mayotte.

Chris Lloyd defeated Mary Lou Platch 6-1, 6-0 to advance in the top women's event in Philadelphia while Sylvia Hanika won a tough battle against the inexperienced Andrea Leand and just won 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. The two seeds behind Lloyd, Andrea Jaeger and Tracy Austin both withdrew because of injury.

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IF AN INTELLIGENT creature landed on earth today from another planet, and was told that a major upheaval (*mahapach*) had taken place in Israel after 29 years of rule by one party, would a significant change in the economic regime in fact be discernible?

Prof. Yoram Ben-Porat, the Hebrew University economist who poses this question, follows it with another.

"What if this creature were to compare the changes promised by the Likud in its 1977 platform with the economic shifts that have occurred in recent years in the U.S. under Reagan, in Britain under Thatcher, and in France under Mitterrand? Where would he note the greatest changes?"

After five years of the Likud regime, the answers for Ben-Porat are clear: "There is now hardly anything left of the liberal reforms promised in the 1977 platform, and those that were put through have been significantly eroded."

"Instead of reducing the role of government in the economy, we have a dominating Treasury reminiscent of the worst days of Mapai. And instead of striving for economic independence, we have an unprecedented permissiveness."

The 1977 Likud election platform, Ben-Porat recalls, railed against the economic regime devised by Mapai and later the Alignment, which it called "an unsuccessful *shatnez* (mixture) of capitalism, socialism and anarchy, whose main aim is to preserve the hold of the ruling party."

The platform had a distinct liberal character, and promised a reduction in the government's role in the economy, especially in the capital market with its massive issues of linked government bonds; cutbacks in subsidized credit to industry; a reform of the subsidies programme that would give support directly to the needy instead of regulating the price of basic commodities; a separation of the Histadrut's economic enterprises from its trade union functions; tax reductions; and a greater reliance on market forces.

The liberalization of foreign currency by adopting an exchange rate that would "float" with market conditions was actually promised for "the mid-1980s."

The platform's economic goals included reducing the balance of payments by a rapid devaluation, cutting down inflation and increasing the growth rate.

THE PLATFORM then reflected the "traditional" division of labour within the Likud, which made the

## The Post's Charles Hoffman talks to economics Professor Yoram Ben-Porat

# The retreat from liberal economics



There is now hardly anything left of the liberal reforms promised in the 1977 platform'

Liberals the chief spokesmen on economic matters.

And indeed, the Liberal Party leader Simcha Ehrlich became the Likud's first finance minister and, in the initial "euphoria," began talking about inviting the arch-conservative American economist Milton Friedman to be economic adviser of the new administration.

Aside from selling a few government corporations, the main focus of the liberal economic *mahapach* wrought by Ehrlich was the abolition of foreign currency restrictions and the floating of the exchange rate.

Looking back on this now, Ben-Porat, who is the director of the Falk Institute for Economic Research, calls this brief period of reform "an accident."

Yigal Hurvitz's term as finance minister spelled a partial reversal of the liberal line, in part in order to deal with some of the unanticipated effects of the liberal reform, namely skyrocketing inflation. Hurvitz's stress on harnessing economic policy to the goal of economic independence, which would also win political maneuverability vis-à-vis the U.S., won a certain amount of support within Herut.

"A group in Herut, composed of MKs Yigal Cohen-Orgad, Moshe Arens, and Yosef Rom, tried unsuccessfully to win their party over to a

more centralist line that would limit market forces. They supported Hurvitz's policy of calling on the public to work hard and be ready to make sacrifices."

With the election year of 1981, the hard-line "nationalistic" retreat from liberalism gave way to a Herut "populist" approach that in some ways resembled the centralist approach of the old Mapai regime, but in other ways exceeded it in its reliance on state power at the expense of cooperation and negotiation.

THIS PARTIAL convergence of Herut economic policy under Yoram Aridor with that of the "old regime" was even reflected in the 1981 election platform, Ben-Porat notes. The Likud described its economic ideology as "modern progressive social liberalism," while castigating the "phony, worn-out socialism" of the Alignment.

"It's not easy to tell the difference between a modern social-democratic approach and modern social liberalism, so that's perhaps why the Likud stuck on the label 'worn-out' to describe the Alignment's ideology."

"More important, though, is that the 1981 platform bore no trace of the previous promises to stop issuing linked government bonds and to reduce subsidized credit to industry

or of the demand to separate the Histadrut's economic enterprises from its trade union functions."

The most dramatic reversal of Aridor's first few months on the job was in the areas of subsidies. "Whereas the 1977 platform spoke of abolishing them, and Hurvitz cut them drastically, Aridor actually froze the nominal price of commodities for several months as part of his 'proper economics.' This may have cut inflation from 133 per cent in 1980 to 'only' 101 per cent in 1981, but the effects were plainly felt in 1982 with the speed up of inflation and the worsening in the balance of payments."

"Aridor's battle with inflation has gotten the Likud government stuck in a bind of its own making, which has led it in turn to adopt a series of patchwork policies that resemble both in form and substance those of the Mapai regime."

In an attempt to slow inflation, Aridor has slowed the devaluation rate of the shekel. But this made things hard for exporters, whose foreign currency income couldn't keep pace with their local expenses. So it was back to a system of supports for exporters, which the Likud had originally opposed.

"Only the system that they developed was worse than the one they dismantled. Supports for exports were provided at first through

exchange rate insurance, but this was not enough. The crisis in exports finally led last week to a tax on foreign currency purchases, to finance aid to exporters."

"Even the manipulation of the rate of devaluation by the Bank of Israel is more pronounced under Aridor than it was with his predecessors in the Likud."

"ALL THIS represents a serious retreat from the foreign currency liberalization adopted with great fanfare by the Likud in 1977. Perhaps one of the greatest symbolic reversals under Aridor is the restoration of the travel tax."

Now the travel tax is not necessarily bad economics, Ben-Porat cautions. Due to the unrealistic exchange rate, travel abroad has been subsidized, so this is one way to correct the distortion. Even if it was ostensibly imposed to finance the large families bill, the Treasury could have been looking for an opportunity to restore it, he says.

"The most surprising thing about the travel tax, though, is that the Liberals hardly made a peep about it. After all, it was one of their main targets when they took over the Treasury."

Another sign of the reversal of liberalism under Aridor is the growing concentration of power in the

Treasury. The Bank of Israel is less independent, and thus less of a counterweight to the Treasury in the public discussion and formulation of economic policy. Here Ben-Porat notes that Aridor may have gone farther than some of his Mapai predecessors in reducing the role of the Bank of Israel.

"The Treasury now adopts a high-handed approach quite openly, for example, in delaying a Discount Bank stock issue in order to pressure the bank to lower interest rates. Wage policy is now more concentrated in the Treasury, and Aridor does not hesitate to threaten the Histadrut with legislation as a tool to impose its will. This we saw in the recent wage negotiations and in the revision of the cost-of-living compensation formula."

IF THE reversal of the original liberal goals and methods of the Likud had achieved something, then perhaps it could be partially excused, Ben-Porat points out. But in the last two years private consumption has jumped way beyond the growth of the gross national

product, at the expense of the balance of payments.

"In 1980, with the decline in wages and the growth in unemployment under Hurvitz, there was at least the possibility of a trade-off — a decline in one area in return for gains in another. But with Aridor, even the possibility of a trade-off has been squandered. Aridor has replaced the rhetoric of 'economic independence' with outright permissiveness. Even the Mapai finance ministers of yesteryear had to resort to periodic belt-tightening between periods of expansion."

The main problem with a liberal economic policy in Israel, Ben-Porat concludes, is that it has no "natural constituency," no web of interests in the social and political structure that would demand such policies and support them. The economic interest groups that exist in Israel have been produced by "the system" that emerged since the founding of the state, and they have an interest in perpetuating it. Almost every group benefits in some way from deviations from the liberal principle of market supremacy.

"The government in fact has one of the biggest stakes in the system. The concentration of policy-making power and the possibility to run things through manipulating exchange rates, taxes and so forth gives whoever is in power an enormous amount of political clout. It is simply hard for any party to divest itself of such power. And when you get right down to it, the government's ability in Israel to give without taking, or without taking enough, stems from the massive external aid we receive. This increases the temptation to use the power at the government's disposal."

"Actually, the only group in Israel that in the past, at least, has fought for liberal reforms has been the academic economists."

This pattern of interests, Ben-Porat says, is compatible with the economic ideology of Herut, which may have used the liberal label on occasion but it is really *etatist*.

"The only real liberal on economic matters in Herut over the years seems to have been Yohanan Bader, who has no successor in the party today. Now most of them follow a combination of populism and etatism, like Aridor, who tries to keep the masses happy by using the power of the state to manipulate the economy."

## Easing the pressure

By WOLF BLITZER / Post Washington Correspondent

TWO SUPPOSEDLY unrelated events unfolded in Washington this past week: the Reagan Administration's reaction to King Hussein's refusal — at least for the time being — to join the U.S.-sponsored peace process and the massive American gathering of Holocaust survivors. The two happenings were, in fact, closely connected, as quickly became apparent to reporters trying to cover both stories.

Organizers of the Holocaust gathering, which brought thousands of survivors and their children to Washington, were always careful, in their public statements, to characterize it as a non-political event. But from the start, those involved in the operation fully recognized the automatic political spinoff for Israel the event would have in the U.S. capital and, indeed, around the world.

Israel, after all, was born out of the Holocaust, and in the U.S., it always has been widely accepted that not all of those six million Jews would have perished had Israel existed in the 1930s and 1940s. Even America had shut its doors to Jewish refugees in those days.

Israeli officials and sympathetic American Jewish political activists agreed that raising public awareness of the Holocaust — talking about the fact that one-third of world Jewry was destroyed during those few years — was bound to generate heightened sympathy and support for Israel. Only the most fanatically pro-Arab and anti-Israel advocates could fail to appreciate the relationship.

AT THE SAME time, however, there has been a deliberate effort not to go overboard in making the connection. In fact, many survivors have resented raising the spectre of the Holocaust to justify every Israeli policy. Such actions, it has been said, merely cheapen the Holocaust and the memory of those who died in it.

The organizers of the gathering did not have to use a sledgehammer to press their point for strong U.S. backing for Israel. That was always understood. They could simply let their actions and their mere presence speak for themselves.

Thus, President Ronald Reagan, who addressed 20,000 people at the Washington Capital Centre at the opening event, appeared visibly moved by what he saw and heard. His wife, Nancy, seemed to have some tears in her eyes as she witnessed the reunion of survivors and their U.S. Army liberators.

Other high-ranking U.S. policymakers were also sensitized to the Holocaust. Vice President George Bush spoke at a congressional ceremony. The House and Senate leadership were invited to address the gathering. Many congressmen and senators were met privately by their constituents among the survivors. Invariably, the subject of Israel arose.

Thus, without much advertisement or fanfare, Israel's cause automatically received a major boost. Israeli diplomats were very well aware of the fact.

HUSSEIN'S announcement on the day before the event opened — that he would not represent the Palestinians without the approval of the PLO — further enhanced Israel's status. The Arabs, for a change, were perceived in Washington as the obstacle to peace. Israel was at least temporarily taken off the hook.

For weeks, U.S. officials had said that Israel could not be expected to support Reagan's September 1 Middle East peace initiative without Hussein's direct involvement. Once again, the maze of pan-Arab politics had paralyzed Arab actions, resulting in Arab intransigence. Moderates were held hostage to extremists.

The Reagan Administration, instead of blaming Israel for the impasse, lashed out against "radical elements" in the PLO and others in the Arab world.

In his speech before the survivors, Reagan did not dwell on Israel, although he certainly reaffirmed U.S. support. His political aides said it would have been out of the question to avoid any mention of Israel. The direct link between the Holocaust and Israel was made. He promised the survivors that "the security of your safe havens, here and in Israel, will never be compromised."

Even if some officials would have liked to temper criticism of the Arabs with some angry words against Israel and its West Bank settlement policy, they probably hesitated because of the simultaneous Holocaust gathering.

It would have been inappropriate for the president specifically to refer to the most recent political developments in his speech. That was left for other occasions, including the arrival ceremony on the White House lawn for Sultan Qaboos of Oman. Reagan urged Arabs and Palestinians to take "bold and courageous" new steps in the search for peace.

SECRETARY OF STATE George Shultz, who held one of his rare news conferences on April 12, did not mention the Holocaust during his lengthy responses to questions on the Middle East. But he, too, was said to have been further sensitized to Israel's concerns as a result of all the publicity generated in the U.S. news media this past week involving the Holocaust gathering. From last Saturday, through this past Wednesday, there were major, front-page Holocaust-related stories in *The Washington Post* every day. The U.S. television networks also devoted considerable time to the gathering.

Some speakers at the events forcefully made the Israel-Holocaust connection. New York's outspoken mayor, Ed Koch, was thunderously applauded by 15,000 survivors, their children and other Jews at a closing ceremony at the Washington Monument when he called for stronger U.S. support for Israel and "Jerusalem, its undivided capital." He condemned the PLO as terrorists attempting to finish what Hitler started. Reagan was criticized by Koch for having seemingly differentiated between various elements of the PLO — some radical and others more moderate. That, Koch said, demonstrates an ignorance of the basic fact that everyone in the PLO wants to destroy Israel. But Koch's tough remarks went further than most others during the three-day conference.

Reagan, Shultz and their aides are now groping for some new steps to try to salvage their peace initiative, which is clearly in deep trouble.

The U.S. administration has insisted that it will not be deterred. In the short run, there may be a pause in U.S. diplomatic offensive. Shultz conceded that there are times when it is best to do nothing. This may be a case right now, although some of his aides want him to visit the Middle East. He is still resisting that proposal.

So the administration may just let the PLO and the other Arab leaders who failed to grant Hussein his required mandate sit alone for a while to mull over the impact of their actions. In the meantime, the U.S. has enough on its agenda — first and foremost dailing down a withdrawal of foreign forces agreement in Lebanon.

In any case, U.S. pressure on Israel was clearly eased this past week by two seemingly unrelated events.

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# The coalition market

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

PAY-OFFS, not consensus, is what keeps the present coalition together. Its hold on a slim majority in the present Knesset is the best that money can buy. Since the market for alternative partners operates within the narrow limits of the two massive parliamentary blocs — the Likud and the Alignment — there are bidders only. The price has nowhere to go but up.

When Labour was dominant, it generally had a choice of partners, which kept the price of putting together a parliamentary majority within manageable limits. If it were to come to power today, it would operate within the same restrictions as does the Likud. The challenge thrown out by Aguda Yisrael's Avraham Shapira to Shimon Peres at the opening session of the present Knesset — that he would have accepted the coalition agreement's pay-off to the Aguda in five minutes if it had been offered him — still stood as the recent session closed. Under Menachem Begin's leadership, the coalition government is used to carry out policy on which there is no national consensus, such as annexation of the territories and the war in Lebanon. Instead of serving to broaden the base of popular support for the policies of the government of the day, the coalition is a means of permitting the government to do without a consensus.

In conventional democratic practice, coalition government is a way of bringing the nation together. In today's Israel, with two large blocs and a limited pool of special-interest splinters holding the balance of power, it is a tool for tearing the nation apart.

The pay-off to Tami, in the affair of the allowances to large families, shows how far the present coalition has moved from the positions of the first Begin government. When proposals for benefits for large families were presented to the first Begin government, it was decided, on December 19, 1977, to refer the matter to an interministerial committee for examination. Its findings and recommendations were duly presented a year later.

The inter-ministerial committee pointed out that there was no proof that enlarged family allowances would, in fact, encourage an in-

creased birth-rate except, perhaps, for families already large and without the ability to educate their children properly. It stated its total opposition to any measure that would discriminate against Israel's large-family Arab citizens, whether by legislation or by administrative regulation.

Both the government's adviser on Arab affairs and the director of the demographic centre opposed discriminatory measures, candidly terming them anti-democratic, a view endorsed by the committee.

The proposed legislation was side-tracked then. In today's political market, it has become an acceptable price to pay to keep Tami's three Knesset members in line. And as for the opposition, until the attorney-general spoke out on the matter of discrimination, Labour's leadership preserved a low profile. Would it have taken more or less than Avraham Shapira's five minutes to mute opposition voices if there had been a chance to buy the Tami votes to build an alternative coalition?

THERE ARE two ways to change present market conditions in coalition-building, neither of which has much chance of success at present. As in any market economy, they involve changes either in supply or demand. Both have an effect on the going price of political pay-offs.

Dealing with the inflation in the price of coalition politics on the supply side would mean increasing the number of competitive political factors willing to sell. If one assumes that the major political blocs remain intact, the only possible source of new suppliers is in the Arab sector.

By giving votes to Rakah, the Arabs in effect keep themselves out of the political market, while at the same time narrowing the coalition market and thus contributing to the inflation in the cost of coalition-building.

If Israel's Arabs were to organize nationally, with a readiness to work both sides of the street, there is no particular reason for them to be less acceptable as a coalition partner than the anti-Zionist Agudat Yisrael, which they would probably come much cheaper.

The idea of a national Arab party joining a Likud coalition is not really so fantastic. After all, formal annexation of the occupied territories would only increase their numerical, and presumably, their political strength. They have no particular obligation to be concerned about the Jewish character of the state. What's more, Jabotinsky once proposed something of the sort.

Arabs could wholeheartedly endorse the remarks of Chief-of-Staff Rafael Eitan to the mother of a

soldier imprisoned for refusing to serve beyond the Green Line, as reported in *The Jerusalem Post* of April 7.

Like him, they might well ask, what is the State of Israel, and agree that there are no occupied territories, only Eretz Yisrael (Palestine, in its mandatory and Camp David translation).

They would certainly qualify under Rafal's test that one must be here 100 years in order to understand what that means. Admittedly, it is unlikely that Rafal had the Arabs in mind in this latest professional military pronouncement, but the terms fit.

Change on the demand side would require that the two major power blocs get together. A pure monopoly, a grand coalition of the Likud and the Labour Alignment, would put an end to price competition in the coalition market. If this is not to be, the only way to change the demand side would be through an agreed basic change in the political system, such as a change in the election system to some form of constituency elections or a move in the direction of presidential government.

THE LIKUD and Labour have done business before, when they shared a common major-party interest — against the interests of the small parties — as in the big-party surplus vote grab of the days before the political upheaval that brought Begin to power.

Perhaps there could be a revival of the spirit of Bader-Ofar, as the deal was labelled, if both the giants came to a common realization that the going price of the present coalition market has risen beyond their ability to pay. Constituency elections or a presidential system would at least require the interest groups to make their deals before the elections.

Since the Likud has shown that it is willing to continue to pay at the going rate, initiative in this direction must come from Labour. A start was made in the last Labour government in the reforms in municipal government proposed by the Sandbar Committee, which led to the direct election of mayors, the first major structural reform in Israeli politics since independence. It is time to move forward.

A Labour initiative for structural reform in government, designed to eliminate the price-jacking in the coalition market, would naturally not appeal to potential coalition partners in today's political marketplace. However, it would have guaranteed voter appeal.

The major error of Labour in opposition has been to take its eye off the prize with an eye to building an alternative coalition rather than building its own electoral base. Here is an opportunity for Labour to seize an issue of tremendous potential popularity.

Labour's leadership should provide direction for the growing public awareness that the present ways of doing political business are taking us for a ride with a much stiffer travel tax than the one recently levied to finance Begin's pay-offs to Tami and the Aguda.

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# Time for neglect

By YOSEF GOELL

profound grasp of regional psychologies and political realities. The same, alas, cannot be said of the U.S.

The people of the U.S., the leader of the Western World, have shown a remarkably persistent penchant for electing men to the presidency who know nearly nothing about the job they have striven for nearly all their adult lives. At best these men show an admirable ability for learning on the job. It's one hell of a way to run the most powerful nation on earth, however.

Mr. Reagan, by general agreement, is not an exception to this rule. He knows little about the world, and even less, if that is possible, about our region. What is so shocking is that he was misled by his officials, who purported to be experts about the Middle East (the evidence of Khomeini's Iran notwithstanding), to lead his name to a project that clearly would never fly.

The president and his officials like to speak of their hopes for fostering "additional Egypts" in the Arab world, forgetting what Sadat's initiative was, and that Mubarak's Egypt is not Sadat's Egypt.

Sadat's remarkable feat in breaking through the taboos of three decades was not engineered by Washington. On the contrary: the Carter Administration, which at the time was engaged in the famous enterprise of reintroducing the Soviet Union into the Arab-Israeli dispute via a renewed Geneva Conference, was at first dumbstruck by Sadat's coming to Jerusalem. It took over a week for Washington to recover its poise and decide, not too happily, to play along with the development.

The Sadat initiative was born, because Sadat needed it to make a breakthrough to the pockets of the American taxpayer (peace with Israel was never the goal; it was the realistic payment for large-scale American military and economic aid); and because he feared the possibility of a pre-emptive Israeli strike under a new Begin government, which was viewed in Egypt as the most militaristic ever to rule Israel.

The Sadat initiative took wing primarily because Israel had always hoped for exactly this sort of breakthrough, and was the party most interested in peace (even the Likud, led by Menachem Begin, and was ready to make prodigious concessions to nurture such a process. (Parenthetically, one may conjecture that neither Begin nor the Labour Party majority would have voted for such massive concessions had they known the sort of cold, "unnormalized" peace that the Sadat initiative would become.)

There was very much room for third-party mediation — and even arm-twisting, as was the case at Camp David — to prevent an indigenous initiative from failing. But that is not the case with the present Reagan initiative. The Arabs, and

possibly even the PLO, may at some time be induced to sit down to negotiate with Israel for one-sided concessions on the basis of American promises to lean on Israel as a precondition for such talks. But such negotiations will never usher in a peace process; they will merely persuade the Arabs to entrench their animosity towards Israel in the belief that they can succeed in undermining the support of Israel's major international ally.

THE TRUTH of the matter is that two other developments antedated Sadat's peace initiative: one was the overtures to Israel from Lebanese Maronites and Christians in Southern Lebanon, who were threatened with annihilation by the Muslim coalition led by the PLO in the Lebanese civil war in the mid-1970s. Secondly, there was the *de facto* non-belligerency that has existed between Hussein's Jordan and Israel for the past decade-and-a-half.

Both cases reflect the lively self-interest of the respective Arab parties involved. And that is how it must be. Peace between the Arabs and Israel must come from within the warring peoples themselves.

Third parties may help, once the process has begun; they cannot initiate what basically must be predicated on an Arab change of heart toward the existence of an Israel in their midst.

There is therefore no reason to bemoan the "failure" of the Reagan Plan. It was never a realistic peace plan to begin with, and thus there was nothing there to fail.

Ironically, not only would the Reagan Plan not have led to peace; it might, however unintentionally, have speeded up the periodic spiraling into war. Just as was the case with the ill-conceived Carter initiative in 1977 for the convening of another Geneva conference with the participation of the Soviet Union and of a barely disguised PLO delegation.

The surest outcome of the PLO's agreeing to permit Hussein to represent the Palestinians in talks with Israel would have been not peace, but the massive arming of the Jordanian army with American weapons.

In the late 1960s the present Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan coined the term "benign neglect" as a political strategy in regard to racial troubles in the U.S. The Arab-Israeli dispute can stand a big dose of such benign neglect on the part of the superpowers, and especially on the part of the U.S. As the strife-torn world goes, it is not a focal point of major danger to world peace; or even to the peace of the Middle East and the continuing, unimpeded flow of oil from it.

Perhaps the fertile minds who thought up the Reagan Plan could turn their attentions to Iran-Iraq, or possibly even to Central America, which by all accounts constitutes a much greater threat to America's true interests.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

# A double crisis

By YITZHAK TAUB

emergency room of a hospital are recognized expenses, and the money paid is returned to the patient.

If the Histadrut sick fund had a better attitude towards its insured clients, it would notify them that they will be reimbursed for these medical expenses, at least in part, and will recover this money from future salaries paid to the doctors. But these inflexible postures and alienation from its clients that characterize the sick fund are hidden behind slick advertisements in the media.

THERE ARE THOSE who say that, even more than alienation, the problem is one of a distorted view. They claim that Finance Minister Aridor was looking for a chance to confront the doctors and hoped to kill several birds with one stone.

A firm stand is always a good thing. The finance minister has shown that he will stand behind the framework of the wage agreement, even though it is under severe pressure from many sides. Whether he will be able to continue to do this remains to be seen. In addition to the public considerations, there are also considerations of politics and party. Neither Aridor nor his party supports the enormous power of the Histadrut; they would be only too happy to see it lose facilities and strength. If they can actually drive a

wedge between the sick fund that is strongly identified with the Alignment, and its clients, then nothing could be better.

In addition to this, many members of the government, particularly the Liberals, are not supporters of the health-insurance system, and look with favour on the organization of the doctors into private groups, giving medical attention at a reasonable price and allowing the patient his choice of physicians. They see this as a step towards removing this burden from the public purse. Or, as Prof. Ezra Sohar of the Sheba Hospital put it, "separating insurance and the supplier of medical care."

It seems that the rigidity of the management of the sick fund on the one hand and the anti-Histadrut policies of the government on the other, which encourage senior physicians to seek lucrative private practice, have together formed a trap for the funds' chairman, Prof. Haim Doron. Perhaps only through naivete, Doron finds it difficult to draw the proper conclusions.

It is important to mention that within the Labour Alignment there is serious ideological disagreement about the Kupa Holim and the way it is operated under the auspices of the Histadrut. But those who support the present system point out the value of the fund in enlisting new members for the labour federa-

tion, and that the automatic collection of sick-fund dues is vital to it in all its activities and its services to its members.

Those who oppose the present situation of the fund in relation to the Histadrut maintain that the use of the fund for Histadrut purposes is counter-productive, and that members who are coerced into membership of the federation are embittered. They claim that the bureaucracy and the services of the Kupa Holim cause members to be hostile to the Histadrut and that the professional staff of the clinics and hospitals are strangers to the labour movement as they proved in the last Histadrut elections. They see these employees as a Trojan horse that will destroy the ideological base of the federation. They also want to see the end of the dependence of the sick fund on government support.

But Finance Minister Aridor has a suggestion. Let the sick fund

transfer the entire insurance scheme to the government. The fund would continue to run the facilities, but the government would have to bear the blame for inadequate services and other complaints by patients.

At the same time, the Histadrut could offer its voluntary members special health insurance, including dental care, convalescent care and rehabilitation facilities, above and beyond the minimum to which every person in the country would be entitled. Then everyone would realize the value of Histadrut membership.

This, however, is not the view of comrades Doron and Meshel. They still labour under the delusion that they have political, electoral and economic power. Actually, they are riding on a tiger.

Possibly the only valuable thing that can result from the doctors' strike is that somewhere at the top of the Histadrut, someone will begin to think about the ideological dead-end street it has entered. It is even rumored that the Central Committee, which is to meet on Sunday, has heard a faint echo of what is happening in the public sector.

The writer is a commentator on economic affairs.

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# Jerusalem Post Reporter David Richardson reviews this week's events in Amman with Anwar Nusseibeh

ANWAR NUSSEIBEH, British-trained lawyer and former Jordanian governor of Jerusalem and defence minister, protests that he is neither a politician nor a skilled negotiator. Yet, with the skill of a master, perhaps even a conjurer, he finds his way through the labyrinth of being a Palestinian in Israeli-controlled Jerusalem, being head of a prominent family with traditionally strong ties to King Hussein while recognizing the leadership of the PLO.

The 70-year-old chairman of the Jerusalem District Electric Company certainly confirmed his reputation for urbane moderation and unrelenting pride during an interview in his office this week. But at the end of an hour of skilled question-answering, Nusseibeh emerged solidly behind the Arab and Palestinian consensus — whatever and wherever that is at the end of this dramatic week in Palestinian history.

King Hussein cannot turn his back on the West Bank and wash his hands of the Palestinian question, nor can he go ahead alone, Nusseibeh feels.

"The king is part of the problem if one remembers what he represents in terms of Arab history, and the importance of Palestine and of Jerusalem in this Arab context. In addition, and regrettably, the West Bank and Arab Jerusalem were lost as a result of a war in which he (the King) was involved."

At the same time he does not think — "not for a minute" — that the king will enter peace negotiations on his own, nor does he think the PLO will split over the issue, allowing Yasser Arafat to ignore his own radicals and give the king the endorsement he needs.

"I certainly regret that the dialogue between Jordan and the PLO has 'stalled' for a bit and I hope that is what it is — a stall.

Everything I hear from both sides indicates that the dialogue will be pursued."

He believes there should be an understanding between Jordan and the Palestinians. "We face the same challenge and more or less the same destiny. If one is talking about a possible confederation between the two in the future, that is a step that logically follows an accommodation with Israel."

NUSSEIBEH will not say that the Reagan Plan is dead — "the PLO and Hussein will have to say if it still offers hope." At the same time, although he admits his own pessimism, he hopes that "we do not lose faith in the need for achieving a just and honourable solution and of ultimately achieving a reconciliation between Jews and Arabs."

Yet he is scathing in his criticism of the Reagan initiative. True, it said that it cannot accept Israeli annexation of the territory, but it did not say why — "and the why is very important. It is because the territory is occupied and sovereignty resides with the Arabs."

By subscribing to UN Security Council Resolution 242 and the UN Charter, the U.S. should see the construction of settlements not only as "unhelpful" (in the careful wording of State Departmentaleze), but also as illegal, argues Nusseibeh. "That should have been in the Reagan initiative, it would have made the entire course of the negotiations much clearer."

In addition, the plan ignored the Palestinians' right to self-determination on Palestinian territory and their right to choose their own representatives, not have them imposed from outside. "The Palestinian people have chosen and no one has the right to question their choice any more than the Palestinians have the right to question the choice of Mr. Begin and his cabinet

black civil rights group, the NAACP, and the League for Women Voters.

One of his rare synagogue attendances was his own bar mitzva, for which he memorized the Prophetic portion from a phonograph record and for which he did not get a pair of phylacteries.

Then, when the Yom Kippur War broke out, he was motivated to attend a Jewish federation fundraising appeal at which a UJA representative declared: "There are more Jews worried about the outcome of Monday night's football game than in the outcome of a war in the Middle East."

That statement shocked Greene, and impelled him to search for a meaning to his Jewish origins.

Today, he is on his way back. "I put on tefillin every morning. I am 'modified kosher,' meaning that I no longer eat pork and seafood. I study Torah once a month with a Lubavitcher hassid, and my wife and I are already arguing over my insistence that our 22-month-old son attend a Jewish day school."

Greene is today chairman of the Young Leadership Cabinet of the UJA (a body of 350 selected men, all activists and contributors aged 25 to 40; there is a separate women's Young Leadership Cabinet) and he has visited Israel 15 times in the last decade — four times in the past year.

One case in point is David Greene, a 40-year-old Washington D.C. lawyer who looks like he's still a college student. Greene's parents never made a donation to the UJA, although they were active in the

## 'Moderates' have nothing to show'

as the sole and legitimate representatives of the Israeli people."

Nusseibeh appreciates that mechanisms are important, "but what is more important is the objective itself."

If it is a path that leads nowhere and "would ensure the security of the other party at the expense of my jettisoning my basic rights, it is the duty of a people to try and find another alternative."

But the impasse, as far as Nusseibeh is concerned, does not lie in the Palestinian stand, which insists on reaching agreement on objectives first and then negotiating their implementation. Rather, he believes, the commitment by Israel and America to Camp David has caused the obstruction.

The Camp David accords did not solve the Palestinian problem, but rather shelved it and was clearly a one-sided process. "Yet Israel insists, from a position of strength,

that it is the only context in which it is prepared to view the Palestinian issue," while "America appears unwilling and unable to dent Israel's hardline attitude."

SOON AFTER the Six Day War in 1967, Nusseibeh believed that, in the context of Resolution 242, Jordan should have shouldered the responsibility for achieving its implementation since Jordan was directly involved in the war. The resolution referred only to the problem of the "Palestinian refugees" and Nusseibeh, who supported the resolution, was sharply criticized by Palestinians who believed that they should have the right to take care of themselves.

"This was fine in principle, but not so simple since it was being undertaken against the background of the disaster of the war."

The 1976 Rabat resolutions changed the entire situation since they did not focus on the narrow



implementation of 242 but on resolving the Palestinian issue in its entirety. "That was a matter which only the Palestinians, represented by the PLO, could solve for themselves, supported by the entire Arab world, including Jordan."

The late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's unilateral move "pulled the rug from under the PLO but also from under those Arab countries directly involved, especially Syria and Jordan."

The Palestinian issue was now reduced from a problem affecting all of the people to the very limited purpose of finding a *modus vivendi* for those under occupation.

Nusseibeh angrily rejects U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz's recommendation that the Arab world undo the limitations of the Rabat resolutions.

Quoting Shakespeare — "We unto the gods are like flies unto wanton children, they kill us for

their sport" — he says that the big powers cannot "play with people's emotions, interests and ideologies in such a way and expect a favourable reaction."

The Rabat resolutions are an essential ingredient to any solution of the Palestinian issue and there is no reason to change that since there is not a glimmer of hope that Israel will respond positively to anything."

The statement that the PLO did not give the king a mandate is also incorrect: "The boot is on the other foot," Nusseibeh insists. "It has nothing to do with the king's inability to liberate territory but more to do with the inflexibility of Israeli policies and the lack of American willingness to try to bend that inflexibility."

Nor does he agree that Syria and the factions it controls within the PLO bear any responsibility for the "stall" in the dialogue. "There is always a constant debate within the

PLO which reflects the democratic nature of the organization. It is not a reflection of being a satellite of this or that Arab country."

But, despite the organization's democracy, Nusseibeh says he will not pressure it from outside by expressing his views on how it should go about advancing its goals: "After all, I am not a member."

LAST YEAR during a debate at the Oxford Union, Nusseibeh met Isam Sartawi, the PLO's leading moderate who was assassinated in Portugal this week. Nusseibeh does not see any special historical or political significance in Sartawi's assassination, which took place while the Jordanian cabinet was meeting to decide how to respond to Arafat's inability to sell the agreement he had concluded with the king to the radical members of his executive committee.

"The timing of his assassination was unfortunate and the fact that it took place at all is deeply shocking. To silence a voice of reason is an unmitigated evil, regardless of whether you agree or disagree with his policies."

Sartawi represented the "dovish" aspect of the PLO, says Nusseibeh. "I think that he spoke with the authority of the chairman and a substantial group within the PLO — his was not a lone voice. Our only hope is that his tragic murder will not destroy within the PLO the moderation which he represented."

What frustrated Sartawi also appears to frustrate Nusseibeh: "The very hard-line attitude of Israel, and the apparent inability and unwillingness of the American government to do anything about that attitude, means that the moderates (among the Palestinians) have nothing to show; they have not effected anything. I don't see this dilemma changing in any way in the foreseeable future."

## ON THE ROAD HOME

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter



David Greene



Nita Levy



Carl Kaplan



Karen Adler

A DIFFERENT CASE is represented by Nita Levy, owner of a flower shop in Kansas City, whose family was very active in the local Jewish federation, in the UJA and the synagogue.

"I wasn't much of a rebel at 22, so I became active, too."

But Nita asserts that her UJA involvement began out of "selfish" reasons rather than out of idealism. "I had a nine-month-old baby and was going crazy in the house all day. My mother volunteered to babysit and I got away to attend a Jewish federation meeting."

Her husband, an attorney, also became active in UJA matters. Levy is here as chairman of the Young Leadership Women's Cabinet and as a member of the Yachad mission of the UJA Young Leadership, which has brought nearly 1,000 young Jews to Israel — 800 of them for the first time.

The participants are not extremely wealthy, but mostly professional wage earners. But these young people are all potential leaders of fundraising efforts for Israel and their local community.

Karen Adler, another Washington resident, is single and at 33 runs her own political consultancy office, where she advises members of Congress — "only Democrats" — and the Democratic National Committee. She has many relatives in Israel, and even spent some time in school here. "I come from a very Jewish home, Orthodox but now they're Conservative," she says. She is co-chairman of the Yachad mission and in Washington is head of the UJA's new gifts for professionals sub-committee.

The other co-chairman of the mission is Carl Kaplan, 38 and another Washington lawyer, who comes from a "Jewishly involved family." He first visited Israel as part of the 900-member *Koach* mission that followed the Yom Kippur War. Despite his family's interest in Jewish matters, he was not active. But moving from his hometown to Lansing, Michigan, he looked for Jewish companionship at the local Jewish federation. At 28, he was elected its president.

ASKED HOW Young Leadership activists are different from the older UJA generation, they suggest that their predecessors cared a bit more about testimonial luncheons and plaques, stating this without denigrating their elders in any way. Their elders in the organization have more power because, says

Nita, that comes with bigger contributions, and few young professionals can afford to match the contributions of the older generation, many of whom owned their own businesses.

"Our parents and grandparents were concerned with the founding of the State, while we're concerned with the building of the State," suggests Carl. "It is a different time. Their activism was more subdued than ours. We're involved politically as well. But even though the State was there as long as we remember, I don't think we take Israel for granted."

Many of the Jewish baby-boomers who returned to their roots were motivated to do so by the general atmosphere, created perhaps by the blacks, that it is "all right" to be different, and proud of one's origins.

Their parents had been pushed to become "Americanized," they have begun to ask questions about Jewishness and to look for answers. "The UJA becomes for some a kind of synagogue, and that is good. But if it remains that way, static and as a substitute for Jewishness, that isn't good," says Nita.

The four are aware of the fact that the contribution of the UJA to Israel's economy is about 5 per cent of the GNP, a much shrunken figure compared to what Israel received in its infancy. They point out, however, that UJA money still comprises a fairly large chunk of what is spent for human services in Israel. But even if no money were collected under UJA auspices, the educational activities of the organization — explaining to nearly lost or weakly attached Jews what it means to be Jewish — are of much value in themselves.

But the UJA "must" collect money, they add, because there are several Jewish organizations in the UJA that aim at explaining Jewishness, "but they bring only a few dozen people on missions to Israel, and they remain marginal."

Every Jew invited to take part in a mission to this country is prepared in advance for the fact that at nearly every free moment during the hectic trip, he will be solicited for contributions and asked to enlarge previous pledges. "They like to be asked," says one of the Young Leadership heads.

THE WOMEN'S cabinet was formed a few years ago after protests from women that they resented being excluded. It has

remained separate partly because of the different needs and interests of the growing number of professional working women. They cannot attend meetings in the mornings or at other times when housewives affiliated with the UJA's women's division can attend. Many of those in the women's cabinet contribute from their own funds, while others decide together with their husbands how much they will donate to the campaign.

The four, asked why they spend so much of their free time on UJA matters, say that their renewed (or new) appreciation of Jewishness leads them to giving *tzedaka*, a very Jewish virtue. But they adamantly deny that they view their giving and solicitation of funds from others as "rich Americans giving money to poor Israeli relatives."

As for the tax deduction that accompanies UJA contributions (as those to all other charities), they say that many people would give less without the deduction, but its existence is not a major factor in the decision to give.

They are aware also of the fact that the UJA collects most of its money from a small number of big givers. They all favour expansion of the contributor base, not only to increase collections, but also to increase the Jewish educational impact of UJA activities. The fact that 800 young American Jews who had never seen Israel before are here for "Yachad" shows, they say, that the base is being expanded.

The best way to get a Jew interested in the UJA is to bring him to Israel, says David, who doesn't know of any American Jew who was "turned off" by a mission or any visit to Israel. The assimilated Jew who wouldn't care "if there were no more Jews by the year 2000" is very rare, says Nita. It is hard to reach him.

Karen tells of a person on her tour bus who converted to Christianity to marry his non-Jewish wife, but who feels so excited by what he sees in Israel that "I have no doubt his wife will have to become a Jew someday because he'll come back to the fold."

At a time when federal subsidies to local education, welfare and health are being cut drastically, Jewish institutions are suffering, and there is a tendency in some quarters to demand that more money raised by the local federations remain in the community, and not be sent abroad to the rest of the Diaspora and to Israel.

In Nita's community, about 60 per cent of funds collected go overseas, with 40 per cent remaining in Kansas City. Most of the money is donated out of sympathy with Israel, and not out of commitment to a particular Jewish school or hospital. But Nita adds that at the same time, if Kansas

City didn't contribute to Israel one year, "Israel wouldn't close down, but if we cancelled the annual allocation to our Jewish day school, it would close down."

Carl notes that it is not a matter of "Diaspora versus Israel" but of expanding the whole pie, so each can get a larger piece.

There is a momentary silence when I ask what effects the Begin government's settlement policies and the Lebanon War have had on the American Jewish view of Israel in general and on fundraising in particular.

They think a while and respond that pledges have increased rather than decreased, despite economic problems in the U.S. As for government policies, all are reluctant to voice their views on Judea and Samaria since they are not taxpayers of Israel. The terrible loss in Israel's image created by the Sabra and Shatila massacre has largely disappeared, they maintain.

All concur that American Jews are frustrated by the lack of accurate and plentiful information from Israel. During the Lebanon War, they just "didn't know what was going on." Thus they are using the mission not only to inspire contributions among their peers but also to gobble up facts and stories about Israel for use in speeches and solicitation when they return to the U.S.

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IT WILL COME as no surprise that the recent conference on the teaching of evolution in the schools infuriated Shulamit Aloni, MK for the Citizens' Rights Movement (CRM) and a proponent of humanism.

The conference was organized by Orthodox scientists from Ben-Gurion University who intended to demonstrate that evolutionary theory has no scientific basis. Biologists from the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute this week complained to the Education Ministry and publicly supported scientific bodies, that the organizers of the conference had solicited their professional support and public funding under the pretence that the conference was to be an open scientific discussion.

Among other things, Aloni was interested in discussing the "climate" which made such a gathering possible.

She was sitting in the CRM office in Tel Aviv, amid ad-lib furniture, old election posters, a drawing by Ha'aretz cartoonist Ze'ev, and an award for human rights work from an American organization. Above her shoulder, hanging on the wall, was a small framed painting of an owl.

Like Athena — who also kept an owl around — Aloni is seen by some as a warrior, and by others as a woman of wisdom. She was blunt, energetic, and not one for subtlety.

But starting with the business of the apes, Aloni was able to present convincing evidence that most Israeli parents don't really know much about what happens to their children from the time they leave in the morning, books on their backs, to the time they straggle home, sticky with melted ices.

In 1978, long before this latest conference on evolution, Ze'evulun Hammer, then recently installed as education minister, was asked in a *Jerusalem Post* interview why non-religious teachers can't teach secular subjects in religious schools.

# From apes to Amalek

Science and religion are on a collision course in Israeli classrooms — and parents aren't aware of the effects — claims MK SHULAMIT ALONI in an interview with Marsha Pomerantz.

His answer was that they might plant seeds of doubt in their pupils' minds: "Even in the sciences, conflict between the teachers' premises and the pupils' faith would arise. Say a biology teacher would teach that man descends from the apes and was not created directly and recently in the image of God."

As if scientific evidence didn't exist, or poor Clarence Darrow hadn't wracked his brain over the Scopes Monkey Trial in 1927.

Now, according to Aloni, some religious people blame Darwin's theory for the permissiveness of modern society: if we're animals, we can do anything. "Once the religious used to say, 'This is the greatness of man: that (he has) developed from the apes, but has Divine inspiration.'"

Aloni says the school system's official attitude toward science wasn't first established by Hammer, rather it dates back to 1953 when the State Education Law was drafted. Some members of Knesset wanted to list the "spirit" of science, among the values the system was to imbue. But it was a reference to the "achievements" of science that won out.

What's the difference? "Achievements" refers to technological developments. "Spirit," says Aloni, refers to a critical faculty — a scientific doubt that religious fundamentalists find threatening.

One question the controversy elicits is that of the effect of anti-scientific attitudes on the academic performance of pupils in the state religious schools. But the main



trend that concerns Aloni now is the increase of religious influence in the regular state school system. Although non-religious teachers can't teach in the religious system, more and more religious teachers and supervisors are coming into the "secular" school system.

In 1979, a list of the 10 new supervisors appointed under Hammer was published in one of the morning newspapers: the pedagogical advisor, the head of in-service training, the head of teacher-training, the head of educational administration — all of them were religious.

The result, says Aloni, has been that in secular schools, three-year-old children are taught about Yom Kippur in a way that instill fear in

them, and creates suspicion and doubts about their non-religious parents.

Perhaps she is jumping to conclusions, but she mentions specific incidents. In one north Tel Aviv school, a kindergarten teacher called parents in one by one and said she was teaching their children that there is a God, and they would be well-advised not to teach them something else at home.

In another school, children were asked to fill out a questionnaire telling when they ate their last meal before Yom Kippur, whether their family fasted, and so on.

Some children have been told that if their Daddy drives on Shabbat, he may be killed in a war.



Is Aloni saying that there should be no mention of God or the Bible in secular Jewish schools? Her response: "First, I say, don't frighten them. Three-year-olds can't sin. And second, acknowledge that there is doubt."

What can parents do to change the situation? First of all, she suggests, they have to work together. If parents go individually to speak to the teacher, they are sometimes restrained by the possibility that their child, as a consequence, will be given "a hard time."

Parents in some schools have taken advantage of a clause in the education law which allows the initiation of new programmes during 25 per cent of the classroom hours.

"Hammer used the 25 per cent to bring in the rabbis," says Aloni, referring to the practice of bringing Habadniks into secular schools to discuss religious practices. "My children have visited Habad homes, but no one will let me lecture to B'nai Yisroel, for instance," she says.

Aloni is critical of the Histadrut and the Labour Party — she is now part of the Labour Alignment in the Knesset — for not taking a more active role in accounting for that 25 per cent of classroom hours.

"When the Likud came to power, I said the Seminar Hakibbutzim (the teacher-training school of the kibbutz movement) should design a detailed curriculum and organize parents' committees."

(So far this hasn't been done on a widespread basis, although a couple of state schools in the country have a Labour Zionist programme, and at least one — in Jerusalem — uses the 25 per cent to present the values of traditional, as opposed to Orthodox, Judaism.)

Aside from increasing the influence of Orthodoxy in the state schools, the government has been channelling more funds into the *atzma'i* or independent school system run by the anti-Zionist Agudat Yisrael party — all this in keeping with the coalition agreement of 1981.

Referring to the Budget Law for 1983-84, Aloni notes that "there are still a quarter-of-a-million illiterates in this country, but the government reduced the budget for adult education and increased support for at-

ma'i education by 400 to 500 per cent in real terms."

According to her figures, children in the independent schools enjoy the smallest classes and the greatest number of classroom hours. The average class size in Arab schools is 35; in state secular schools, 32; in state religious, 25; and in *atzma'i*, 22.

She sees signs of what she calls a "return to the ghetto": The prime minister often responds to loss of life by saying that "Jewish children are dear to us," or "Jewish blood will not be spilled." Not that "Israeli children are dear."

Adds Aloni: "That suggests that it's all right to spill the blood of Israeli Arabs." As an example of the expression of the connection between religious extremism and political extremism, she cites Rabbi Levinger's call for revenge of the recent death of Esther Ohana.

"It's the belief that all non-Jews are Amalek (the traditional enemies of Israel). It's a constant seeking of symbols — as in pre-civilization — to keep the people in line... power and politics."

What about the parents who feel that "something is missing" in their own spiritual lives and find it convenient that someone else, namely the schools, provides their children with certain values?

Aloni's response is that "Yiddishkeit belongs to all of us," that we are free to interpret it as we wish. But that seems to gloss over the problem of an unequal balance of conviction between the doubters and the believers.

In a newspaper article, Aloni once defined humanism as "not secularism and sin for which repentance is required, but a worldview which sees in man, in his actions, his intellect and his ethics, the central element responsible for his fate, his future and his history."

That definition may not satisfy everyone, but then it's not often that the non-religious define themselves as anything but the white space around the letters of the law.

## Any way you slice it

Caterer Bessie Springson sandwiches it all together.

the marinade. Suitable spread for any bread.

**Lemon Curd and Grated Apple**  
3 eggs  
100 gr. margarine or butter  
200 gr. sugar  
2 lemons, juice and grated rind

Beat the eggs slightly and combine with other ingredients in double saucepan or over a pan of boiling water. Cook, stirring constantly until mixture is thick and smooth. Pour into warm jars, cover and cool. Keeps for months refrigerated. For the sandwich, mix the lemon curd with two small, peeled and grated apples and spread on wholemeal bread.

**Apple and Peanut Butter**  
2 medium eating apples  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
4 tbs. peanut butter  
½ cup mayonnaise  
Peel and chop apples finely. Add lemon juice at once. Blend together peanut butter and mayonnaise and add apples. Use this filling between slices of rye bread.

**Chutney and Peanut Butter**  
125 gr. peanut butter

100 gr. cream cheese (5%)  
¼ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
150 gr. chutney  
3 tbs. dry red wine  
Blend all ingredients well. Spread on pumpernickel bread. Makes about 10 sandwiches.

**Chili Egg Spread**  
8 hardboiled eggs, chopped  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
4 tbs. mayonnaise  
2 tsp. lemon juice  
½ tsp. prepared mustard  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
½ tsp. chili powder  
salt to taste  
Combine all ingredients. Refrigerate for four hours to blend flavours. Spread on caraway bread.

**Sardine and Egg**  
2 x 120 gram cans sardines  
2 small onions, chopped  
2 hardboiled eggs, chopped  
white vinegar  
¼ tsp. salt  
2 tsp. capers  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
1 tbs. mayonnaise  
Place chopped onions and salt in bowl, with enough vinegar to cover.

Leave for 15 minutes, then drain. Mix all ingredients with the strained and mashed sardines. Spread on buttered *kafir* bread. Makes about 10 sandwiches.

**Tomato Relish**  
8 firm, medium tomatoes, blanched  
4 large stick celery  
2 tbs. green onion  
60 gr. green chilies  
1 tbs. wine vinegar  
½ tsp. sugar  
salt to taste  
mayonnaise enough to make a spreading mixture  
Blend or finely chop first four items. Combine with remaining ingredients, allow to stand in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours. Spread on buttered wholemeal bread.

**Rabbit Light Lunch**  
20 gr. margarine  
dash cayenne pepper  
pinch salt  
pinch dry mustard  
heaped tsp. made mustard  
250 gr. cheddar cheese cubed  
1 egg beaten  
3 tbs. milk

2 tbs. brandy (optional)  
In small bowl add milk to beaten egg. In heavy small saucepan melt margarine, add next four ingredients. Mix well. Add cubed cheese and stir over medium heat until the cheese has melted. Mix quickly whilst adding the egg mixture. When well combined add brandy, stir, and remove from heat. The brandy preserves the heat and the rarebit keeps well refrigerated for at least two weeks. Ideal for a light lunch on white toast garnished with sliced tomato and grilled for a few minutes. Serve with a bowl of soup. As a sandwich, can also be eaten cold.

**Savoury Avocado Spread**  
1 medium avocado  
1 firm tomato  
1 medium onion  
2 tsp. wine vinegar  
2 tsp. lemon juice  
4 drops tabasco sauce  
1 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
½ tsp. sugar

Chop onion finely and mix with all the ingredients except the avocado and tomato. Let stand in the refrigerator overnight. Next day, blanch and coarsely grate tomato. Allow to strain for 10 minutes. In the meantime, mash avocado to a pulp. Finally, add tomato and avocado to the onion and marinade.

**Carried Avocado Spread**  
1 medium avocado  
4 tsp. lemon juice  
50 gr. crushed smoked "Kefli" or "Bisi" grill flavour  
½ tsp. curry powder  
1 clove garlic, mashed  
1 tbs. chives, finely chopped  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
4 drops tabasco sauce  
½ tsp. chili powder  
1 tbs. mayonnaise  
1 tsp. salt  
Mash avocado to a pulp, add all the remaining ingredients and mix well. Spread on rye bread.

**Piquant Apricot Chutney**  
1 large onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
½ bottle ketchup  
1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce  
¼ tsp. Tabasco sauce  
apricot "leather" (obtainable in the market) or 150 gram dried apricots  
½ tsp. salt  
dash of pepper  
3 tbs. oil

Cut the "leather" into five pieces with scissors then cut a few strips at a time into small squares (or chop the 150 gram dried apricot). Heat oil in a large skillet and sauté onion and garlic until golden. Stir in remaining ingredients. Simmer for 5 minutes. If too thick add a little water.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

THE NEXT time you reach for that container of sodium chloride, familiarly known as salt, remember one basic fact: We consume about 20 times the amount of salt our bodies need.

Our taste for salt begins to develop at an early age. Babies are frequently given foods containing salt for which they have a low tolerance. Eating the substance soon becomes routine, and, in some cases, causes hypertension in young children.

Many of the foods we buy already contain salt — including jams, candies, soft-drinks and many processed or preserved items — such that adding more ourselves is unnecessary. In addition, salt is found naturally in almost all the vegetables and fruit we grow; if eaten uncooked, these provide us with a sufficient amount of sodium chloride, with no salting necessary.

It is important to increase our intake of salt when we lose it through perspiration in hot weather. However, under normal circumstances, eating too much of it can put a strain on the body, which may not be able to excrete it and will swell.

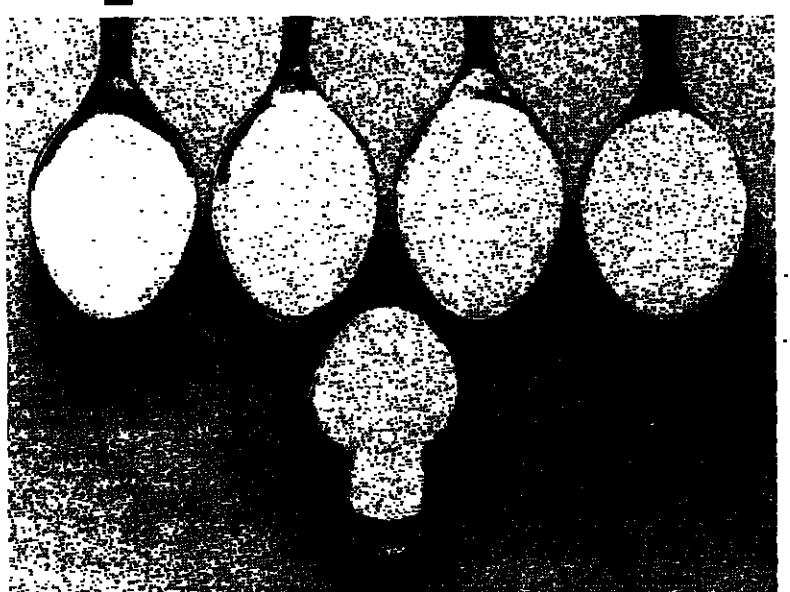
But if too much salt is bad, too little can be dangerous. Salt maintains the balance between water and minerals in the body and is thus essential to our health. When our level of salt intake is too low, for example, we begin to lose potassium which is vital to body functions.

Salt should never be restricted after diuretics are taken for a time or when one suffers bouts of diarrhea, cramps, vomiting or lack of appetite.

Doctors often restrict the consumption of salt by patients suffering from high blood pressure or from certain kidney, liver and heart diseases where there is too much water retention. Sodium — which comprises some 40 per cent of the salt we eat — is that which the doctors are specifically aiming to limit in such cases.

Following are some helpful facts and suggestions concerning salt and its consumption:

## A pinch of no-salt



• Frozen fish fillets and vegetables usually contain salt so none needs to be added during cooking.

• Koshered meats (which contain salt) can be washed carefully and then grilled so as to remove all excess of the substance.

• White cheeses contain relatively little salt, whereas yellow cheeses contain a large amount; low-sodium cheeses are available.

• Baking-powder contains salt (egg whites can be used instead); self-raising flour is quite high in sodium.

• Where shortening is concerned, oil has no salt, and butter and margarine can be purchased without it.

• Celery salt contains sodium and is not a substitute for regular salt

• To cut down on your salt intake, avoid sardines and other tinned fish and meats, soy sauce, potato chips and similar snacks, prepared salad dressings, ketchup, mustard and cheese spreads.

• Low-salt diets should include the consumption of foods contain-

ing Vitamin C.  
• Instead of using salt, season your foods with lemon, vinegar, fresh herbs (which can be dried and frozen for convenience), onions, and other fresh vegetables such as mushrooms, green peppers, gamba, and so on.

LILIAN CORNFELD

A NEW SALT substitute, which tastes almost like the real thing, may help patients with high blood pressure cut their salt intake and improve their medical condition. It may also prevent the development of high blood pressure by replacing part of the much too much salt most of us consume. The product, called "No Salt", was introduced at a press conference recently held at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv.

Two physicians, who stressed that they are not salesmen for the product, talked about research findings which connect high salt intake with high blood pressure. Dr. Graham McGregor, head of the Blood Pressure Unit at the Charing

Cross Hospital in London, said the connection between salt and high blood pressure was discovered by the Chinese three thousand years ago.

"The Dead Sea isn't dead without reason," he said. "It's dead because of the tremendous quantities of salt in it. Seven out of 10 of us will die from diseases in which high blood pressure plays an important part. The possibility that those deaths could be prevented, and that high blood pressure could be treated without drugs, is very exciting."

Professor Drori Ben-Ishai of Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital said it is not enough to tell patients to cut down on their salt intake. Many people find unsalted food tasteless, and ignore the doctor's orders as a result. In addition, salt is "hidden" in many processed foods where the consumer has no way of knowing the salt content. Bread, cornflakes, corned beef and canned products are among those foods which contain a large quantity of salt.

In studies done at Hadassah, said Ben-Ishai, the daily salt intake of patients with high blood pressure varied from 10 to 25 grams, where six grams, if not less, would be sufficient. A salt substitute, he believes, would make doctors' demands that patients cut down on salt more realistic for the patient to obey.

No Salt was developed by the Revlon Health Care Group and will be marketed in Israel by MDI Pharmaceuticals, selling in drugstores at IS249 for a 311-gram container.

According to MDI General Manager Stello Robinson, No Salt is an improvement over previous salt substitutes (including potassium salts) because its crystals stay crystals and do not become powder. "If you put it in a salt shaker, you almost can't tell the difference between No Salt and salt," he said.

No Salt is made from potassium, which is bitter-tasting, but flavouring elements have been added to eliminate the bitterness, Robinson said.

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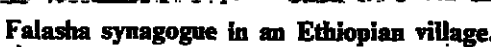

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# Quail eggs and soul questions

IT WAS one of those \$200-a-plate affairs, and now that I've been, I know the math is not so simple. You actually get about four plates for your money, including the one for rolls. And then there's the mousse goblet and the water glass and the white-wine and the red-wine glasses.

There was, of course, stuff on the plates: pâté and what were rumored to be quail eggs; intimately wrapped salmon and sole; a double portion of filet steak, with baby carrots and mashed potatoes encased in crispy sesame cylinders, and a little flying saucer, which looked but didn't taste like an artichoke heart and was filled with between one and two dozen peas.

The waiters wore white cotton gloves, and carefully aligned the plates, small on large, so that the decorative pattern of brown squares was always at top left.

Among the diners were the ambassadors from the U.S., Denmark

and Ecuador, super-minister for economic affairs Ya'acov Meridor, World Zionist Organization chairman Arye Dulzin, world WIZO president Raya Jaglom, Voice of Peace founder Abie Nathan, and a host of other personalities, whose names I am too socially ignorant to appreciate.

And now I will stop biting the hand that fed me free of charge. The occasion was the benefit for Beit Hatefuzoth, the Diaspora Museum in Ramat Aviv, which is now celebrating its fifth anniversary. The dinner was the initiative of Esther Zuchovitsky and her father, businessman Shaul Eisenberg, who is honorary president of the museum's association of friends. It was organized by Zuchovitsky and by Edith Te'umim of the friends association.

Comedian-pianist Victor Borge donated his jokes and music to entertain the 400 or so invited-but-paying guests, in the second-floor foyer of Eisenberg's shapely office building, Asia House, and the Tel Aviv Sheraton put Borge up for his one-week stay. The net gain to the museum was IS2.6m.

BORGE, who is Jewish, grew up in Denmark, in a musical family. "My father was a musician, and my mother played the piano," he said at a press conference on Wednesday. "As a child prodigy I was always asked to play after dinner. And most of the pianos were not very good." He overcame the instrument's infirmities by making jokes.

In 1940, he escaped the Nazis by going to the U.S. — through Sweden, where he happened to be on tour. The combination of comedy and concert made him a favourite in his adopted country — on radio, TV in a one-man show on Broadway and on tour.

At the dinner-concert in Asia House, he spent a lot of time punning musically and linguistically. He laced *Claire de lune* with *Happy Birthday*. He asked U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis why, in the American language, people "sit up at night and sit down during the day." When he failed to get a satisfactory answer, he said he supposed it was because "they can't stand sitting." Unfortunately, he kept delaying the musical main course, and I finally had to leave, near midnight, with my stomach full and my soul a little hungry.

This is Borge's first trip to Israel, and he got the usual barrage of questions designed to elicit guilt in Jews who choose to wander elsewhere. At the dinner, museum director Yeshayahu Weinberg said Borge is "so concerned" with the Diaspora Museum that he spends most of his time in the Diaspora.

AT THE END of a press conference in which he answered almost every question with a joke, Borge gave a very peculiar, serious statement of self-defence, in which he said that "there are many ways to participate in history" and that you don't have to be "on the spot" to do so. In fact, he said, from the outside you sometimes "have a much better ability" to understand and be emotionally involved. He said he knew that from his own experience when he was "in the centre of events" during the war in Europe. Which all raised more questions than it answered, though we could all use some of the perspective than distance gives.

His life is already arranged for the next two to three years, but I hope he does come back for a visit after that, and is invited to give a few concerts for those who eat off Duraux.



Victor Borge... Many ways to participate in history

## Treasure house of flora

TORA AND FLORA  
Louis I. Rabinowitz

THE SONG of Songs, which is a non-obligatory reading on the eve of Sabbath, is a veritable treasure house of Biblical flora. Among the many species of flora mentioned in it are the only two plants described in the Bible which were a source of vegetable dyes, the *karkom*, which is saffron (4.14) and *Copher*, henna, (1.14).

In the Talmudic era, however, a much greater variety of flora was used from which to extract dyes. Of them, only four can be identified with certainty. With one of them, indigo, I have already dealt in a previous article, where I pointed out that it produced a blue dye which was indistinguishable by the rabbis from the only dye permitted for the *scheler*, the dye for the ritual

used for dyeing wool — and hair! From the last, *puah*, a red dye was also made. I am indebted to Dr. Samuel Dershowitz, of the Israel Institute for Fibres for these facts, but I would like to make two added comments. In the whole Bible the word *tsava*, for dye, appears in only one verse (Judges 5.30) though it occurs thrice in the verse. (The word *tsava*, in Jer. 12.9 has a slightly different meaning and is also used to mean hypocritical). The words translated "dye" in the A.V. in Isaiah 63.1, Ezekiel 23.15 and the oft recurring word "*moadim*" in the materials used in the Sanctuary (e.g. Exodus 25.5:26.14) are not connected with this root and the meaning is from inference.

Two of the remaining three were extracted from the peel of pomegranates and the shells of walnuts. The former produced a dye varying in colour from brown to black, and since it had a high tannin content it was used both to tan and to dye leather. The walnut shells produced a brown dye which was

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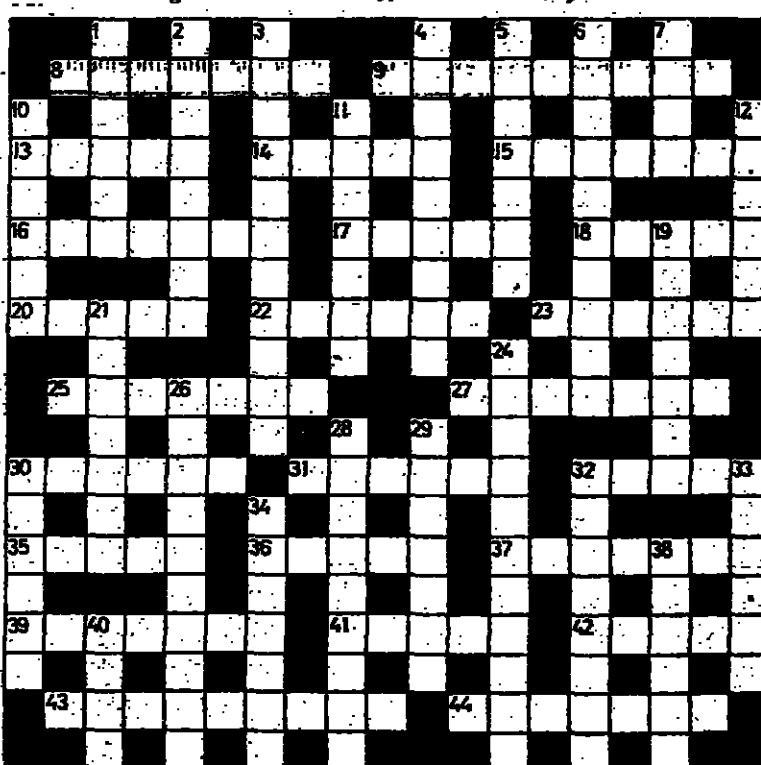
#### ACROSS

- 8 Appears frightened when one gives the wind-up to, again (7)
- 9 She has tea with a German woman (9)
- 13 Admit everything and cry (5)
- 14 Bring on the collapse of the ruin and get caught in it (5)
- 15 Sign on the bottom or top of the second (7)
- 16 There is, again, little thanks for bringing round the cap (7)
- 17 The fellow, to annoy one, will carry a gun (5)
- 18 Complete and put into circulation (5)
- 20 Narrow down to a particular light (5)
- 22 She came by car the year after, from Spain (6)
- 23 A plank you have to walk if you're to go by sea! (6)
- 25 He hunts for the material, a bit taken aback (7)
- 27 The air is turbulent as the bird goes out from land (7)
- 30 Cheats and misrepresents what one said (6)
- 31 Be wrapping the collar round the cold shoulder (6)
- 32 See it's an eyecore (5)
- 35 Start being awkward (5)
- 36 Joint of an unusual sort, with a stuffing (5)
- 37 Preserve the sullen plain-spokenness (7)
- 39 Gave a final ring the day after (7)
- 41 The fellow I caught is a robber (5)
- 42 It's the custom for Germany to start after America (5)
- 43 The managing director is in the water (9)
- 44 Gave the fellow the wrong date (7)

#### DOWN

- 1 PC Skinner? (6)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



- 2 Bring her round at two, prepared for trouble (3, 5)
- 3 What you'll get if you ask what a tundra is? (5, 6)
- 4 Just so! (9)
- 5 Told one to re-do, changing the colour (7)
- 6 One hymn, or quite a few (4, 6)
- 7 After the rain it's turned cooler (4)
- 10 Have the doctor walk outside, as a play (6)
- 11 Traces out the number inside in red (7)
- 12 Get furious and interview the agitator (3, 3)
- 19 Rushing the ingrate out (7)
- 21 Mean to have a card with a big P for it (7)
- 24 Has he no faults other than stupidity? (7, 4)
- 26 Solve the clue "Intercede for" (3, 2, 1, 4)
- 28 Leaving the padre converted, a true reform (9)
- 29 Shorten and give it a curl, for a change (7)
- 30 Able to enter the race, due to the medicine (6)
- 32 The odd one is (8)
- 33 Did he not go right ahead and paint? (6)
- 34 Take advantage of, to keep doing business (5, 2)
- 38 Spoke about "34" endlessly (6)
- 40 From a disreputable resort, bringing back some evidence (4)

### EASY PUZZLE

#### ACROSS

- 8 Short stories, novels, etc (7)
- 9 Scrutinising (9)
- 13 Fine cotton fabric (5)
- 14 Firearm (5)
- 15 Full up (7)
- 16 Takes for granted (7)
- 17 Banishment (5)
- 18 Hidden store (5)
- 20 Glowing coal (5)
- 22 Excursion (6)
- 23 Grain (6)
- 25 Prevents forgetting (7)
- 27 Borders (7)
- 30 Sharp-witted (6)
- 31 Chops finely (6)

- 32 Helicopter blade (5)
- 35 Hearten (3)
- 36 Classical language (5)
- 37 Fast train (7)
- 39 Prizes (7)
- 41 Respond (5)
- 42 Abundant (5)
- 43 Feigned (9)
- 44 Passionate (7)

#### DOWN

- 1 Fails to hit (6)
- 2 Piece of bunting (8)
- 3 OgExchanges letters (11)
- 4 Pragmatic (9)
- 5 Comes out (7)
- 6 Official investigation (10)

### Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS. — 1, Peruse. 7, Vigorous. 8, Og. 10, Appear. 11, Scrape. 14, End. 16, Eases. 17, Sent. 19, Crypt. 21, Comet. 22, Laden. 23, Soho. 26, Actor. 28, Pav. 29, Staged. 30, Tanned. 31, Iris. 32, Denounce. 33, Stylus.

DOWN. — 1, Pleats. 2, Urgent. 3, Ever. 4, Concept. 5,

Sofas. 6, Asses. 8, Open. 9, Lad. 12, Rat. 13, Perch. 15, Armed. 18, Exec. 19, Cod. 20, Yen. 21, Careful. 22, Log. 23, Sanity. 24, Owns. 25, Orders. 26, Aside. 27, Tawny. 28, Par. 30, Ties.

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution  
ACROSS. — 1, Ralain(g). 7, East side. 8, Hps. 10, Planet. 11, Albert. 14, Leg. 16, Tares. 17, Door. 19, Gab-Or. 21, Can-on. 22, Prizes. 33, L-est. 26, Power.

28, Men. 29, Apiary. 30, Saddle. 31, Ergo. 32, Apple-pie. 33, Sarely.

DOWN. — 1, RA-spel. 2, Shiner. 3, Nest. 4, Still-on. 5, Liver. 6, Letts. 8, Hal-O. 9, Peg(board). 12, Bar. 13, Remus. 15, P-ants. 18, On top. 19, Cas(rev). 20, Boy. 21, Carrier. 22, Pea. 23, Ledge-R. 24, Undo. 25, Twenty (XX). 26, Pag-an. 27, Wiaps. 28, M-ar. 30, Sect.



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## Warsaw grotesque?

THE REPORTS from Warsaw are conflicting, and it is still unclear whether the Polish government intends to let the PLO take part in ceremonies commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising next Tuesday. Perhaps the Poles have not decided yet. About the attitude which Jewish, including Israeli, delegates to the ceremony should take if the terror organization is indeed to participate, there can be no doubt.

What the PLO is after is plain. It would like to wash itself of the blood of all the innocent Jews it has shed over the years by paying homage to some Jews who were killed, while resisting, by the Nazis. Not so long ago the PLO used to pour cold water on the "Zionist hoax" of the six million. But this has proved unproductive. The wreath-laying, on the other hand, would be good public relations, in both East and West.

But Jews, including Israelis, cannot, and must not, forget that this same PLO to this very day, through its National Covenant, denies the very existence of a Jewish People, rejects the legitimacy of the Jewish State, and pledges an all-out effort, even by terror, to bring about the ultimate destruction of the state.

Jews taking part in the ceremony along with the PLO would be helping, as Yehuda Ben-Meir, the deputy foreign minister, suggested yesterday, in the desecration of the memory of the ghetto dead.

## Undermining the Knesset

THERE WAS some movement on the doctors' strike front during the past two days, but it was almost exclusively out in the Jerusalem street where physicians, and some patients, demonstrated against what they jointly charged was foot-dragging by the Treasury.

In these circumstances it fell to the chairman of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee, Menahem Porush, to call a meeting of his panel yesterday, to which he invited representatives of the Health Ministry and the Treasury. The health minister, Eliezer Shostak, duly showed up but Gideon Patt, the industry and trade minister who is substituting for the finance minister, Yoram Aridor, during the latter's visit to America, did not. Nor did any senior Treasury official, with the exception of the spokesman, bother to appear.

Scandalized by this show of contempt for the Knesset and the committee, Chairman Porush called off the meeting. Later he went on the air to complain of the government's unspeakable attitude of scorn for the democratic process.

The official attitude doubtless reflected the government's fear that the Labour and Social Affairs Committee would, if it did anything at all, try to pressure the Treasury into a less inflexible position than it has so far taken in the matter of the doctors' strike. With the exception of the chairman, the only active members of the committee represent the opposition, and they could be relied upon to tear the government's argument to pieces.

Better avoid any such embarrassment, Treasury officials must have reasoned, than come and face the music — especially since the coalition's own members, again with the exception of Chairman Porush, could not, it might be assumed, care less.

Such nonchalance by coalition — notably Likud — deputies towards their committee duties appears to be typical outside the three prestigious panels — those on finance, foreign affairs and defence, and state control. There is little glory in the humdrum committee work, and coalition deputies tend to seek publicity elsewhere. They fail to attend committee sessions, or if they do, they do not prepare their homework and take little interest in the proceedings. At most they will do their government's favour by participating in committee votes.

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# ARAFAT TRAPPED

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

JORDAN'S DECISION last Sunday to opt out of the American-sponsored peace process would appear to have dealt a mortal blow to the Middle East initiative launched by U.S. President Ronald Reagan last September — despite Washington's feverish efforts to revive it.

True, in announcing its decision, Jordan was careful not actually to reject the Reagan initiative. On the contrary, it stressed that it remained committed to the idea that the plan, for all its shortcomings, continued to provide the most effective "mechanism" available for implementing the rival Fex plan.

But, short of a far-reaching re-appraisal by Washington and by the PLO, which failed to grant King Hussein the mandate he sought to enter the Middle East peace process on the basis of the Reagan plan, Jordan has made it plain that there is no hope of proceeding with this strategy.

What Hussein appears to envisage is a U.S. willingness to review its opposition to a negotiating role for the PLO, coupled with a clear show of willingness to pressure Israel into halting its settlement drive in the West Bank as a first step to loosening its hold on the occupied Arab territories.

Such gestures from Washington, Hussein might reason, would persuade Yasser Arafat and his fellow pragmatists to buck the rejectionist line being imposed by Syrian-backed radical elements and permit Jordan to enter the peace process — even at the cost of breaking up the PLO.

So, technically, Jordan has not actually closed the door on the American initiative; it has merely served notice that, much as it would like to take up the challenge, present circumstances make this impossible.

What Jordan has not said openly is that circumstances are not very likely to change, and the far-reaching re-appraisal it is apparently seeking from Washington and the PLO has very little chance of taking place.

For Washington to agree to a negotiating role for the PLO and for it to use brute economic and political force to halt Israel's settlement policy — and eventually to force it to leave the West Bank and Gaza — seems at the moment to be political fantasy. So, too, does the prospect of Arafat agreeing to defy his rejectionists and risk the break-up of the PLO without such a move from the Americans.

And chances are that the wily king knows this only too well.

FOR ALL THAT, Hussein appears to have made considerable political capital by having done his best to go along with the American initiative, even though he may well have doubted its viability.

It is also possible that Hussein calculated the political benefits of precipitating an open confrontation between Washington and Jerusalem in the unlikely event that the PLO granted him a mandate to negotiate. Israel would then have been isolated, the sole obstruction to the Reagan Plan.

And in the even more unlikely event that Washington succeeded in getting Israel out of the West Bank and Gaza and returning the territories to Arab rule — even then he would have reaped a political bonanza.

For Hussein's most ghastly nightmare must be that the Palestinians will become so discouraged by Israel's continued hold on the West Bank and Gaza that they will look to his own kingdom for the realization of their national aspirations.

THE DEGREE to which Hussein fears such a development was all

too apparent in Sunday's announcement from Jordan. This summed up in detail the deliberations of the three-hour emergency cabinet meeting chaired by Hussein himself.

The announcement stressed Jordan's persistent warnings about the dangers of Israel's practices in the West Bank and Gaza, particularly its "systematic policy of evacuating the inhabitants of the West Bank to change the demographic composition of the occupied Arab territories."

And it ended with Jordan's concern "to confront the de facto annexation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip" which "forces us to take all steps necessary to safeguard our national security in all its dimensions."

Arab observers have interpreted this as a warning by Jordan that if it is unable to secure Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories through American-led diplomacy, it will opt for unilateral measures to safeguard its own integrity against Palestinian subversion.

Such measures, it has been suggested, could include the closure of the Jordan-West Bank crossings in a bid to prevent a massive influx of disillusioned Palestinians, which would further upset the kingdom's demographic balance (already weighted 60:40 in favour of the Palestinians) and pose a serious threat to Hussein's throne.

There have also been hints that Hussein might choose to wash his hands of the West Bank altogether — even though Sunday's announcement pledged to "continue" to provide support for our brothers in the occupied Palestinian territories...remain their faithful brothers, and side with them in their ordeal.

The reference to "the occupied Palestinian territories" is both unusual and revealing in this context — as was the report earlier this week that Hussein might soon hold new parliamentary elections which would, for the first time, exclude the participation of West Bank residents.

In short, Jordan remains determined to prevent the realization of Ariel Sharon's "Jordan-is-Palestine" concept — either by helping the Palestinians to achieve some form of independent statehood in the West Bank and Gaza through diplomacy, or by protecting itself against any attempt they might make to realize their national aspirations in Jordan itself.

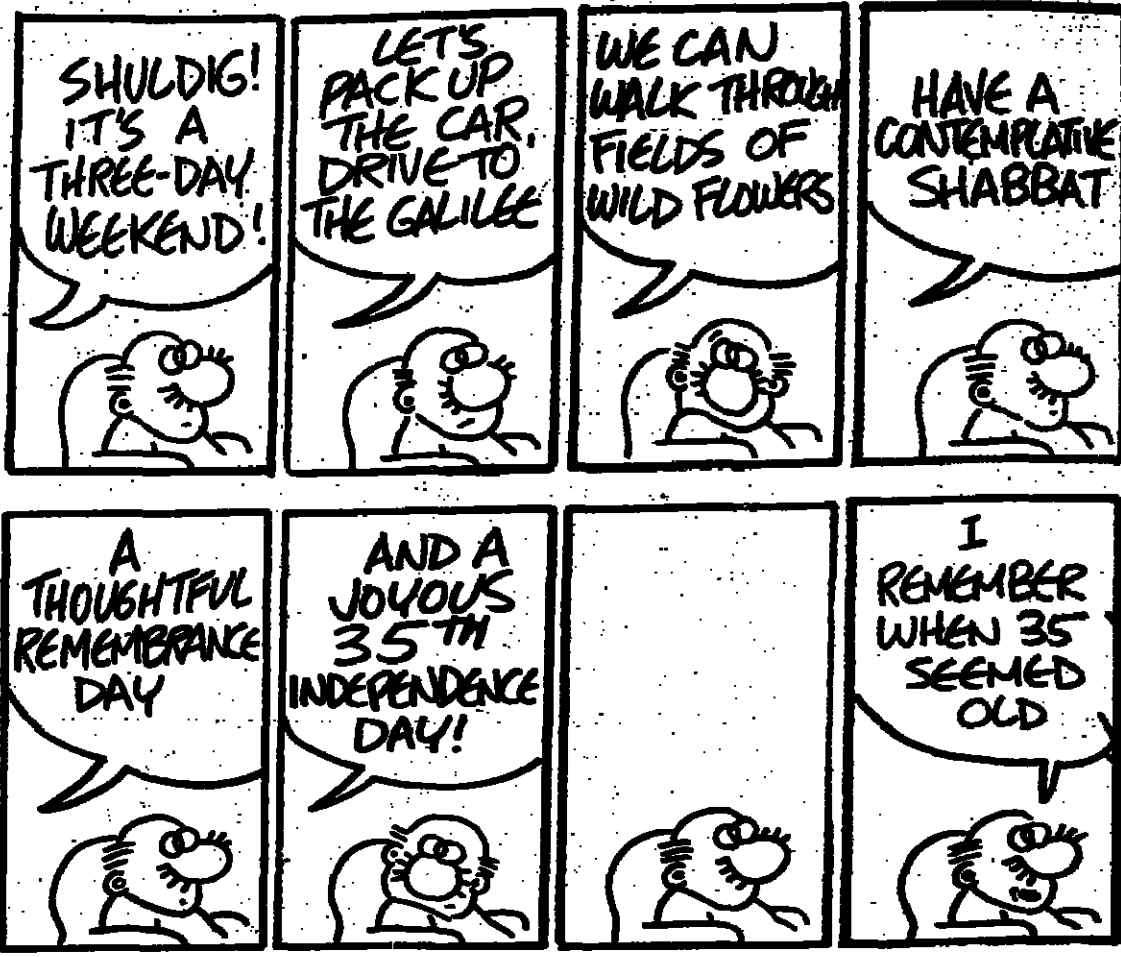
WHILE THERE IS thus no immediate threat to the Hashemite kingdom, the abrupt termination of the PLO dialogue with Jordan at the beginning of this week has left the organization in a state of acute crisis.

Arafat's diplomatic strategy, pursued so vigorously in the face of very considerable opposition from the Syrian-backed radicals in the PLO, has clearly run out of steam.

He was unable to sell this strategy to the PLO's radical elements when the "crunch" came at the end of last week, and he was unwilling to risk the break-up of the PLO for the sake of a political programme that not only relegated the organization to the sidelines but also had next to no chance of winning the West Bank and Gaza for the Palestinians.

This has undoubtedly been a severe blow to Arafat's prestige and perhaps also to his standing inside the PLO. There can be little doubt that he will be hoping against hope in the days and weeks ahead that a miracle will happen and that Washington will come up with the magic ingredients — PLO recognition and pressure on Israel — which would once again make his strategy viable.

## The Friday Dry Bones



Failing that, Arafat will probably find himself forced to pay lip service to the radicals' call for armed struggle as the only means of liberating Palestine.

He may well survive as the nominal leader of the PLO in such an event, but the balance of power within the organization will undoubtedly have shifted away from the mainstream pragmatists to the Syrian-backed radicals, and he will find himself dancing to their tune just as they have been forced, however reluctantly, to dance to his over the past eight months and more.

It would seem too much to expect that Arafat would be capable of making the kind of imaginative leap President Sadat did in 1977 and unilaterally agree to Washington's minimum conditions for his participation in the peace process — acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 242 and the concomitant

recognition of Israel's right to exist. Arafat not only appears to lack the political imagination and courage that characterized Sadat — and eventually cost him his life — but the constraints under which he has to operate are undeniably more powerful and complex than those which bound the late Egyptian leader.

HOW ALL THIS will affect the fate of the PLO remains to be seen. But there is today, probably for the first time since its evacuation from Beirut last August, a clear chance that the PLO may become politically irrelevant.

Denied the convenient base for free action against Israel that it enjoyed in Jordan until 1970 and in Lebanon until last June, the PLO will probably be forced to revert to the desperate, publicity-grabbing but politically wounding acts of unbridled terror that

characterized it in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Where this will leave the unfortunate inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza is also unclear.

But between Jordan's determination, to safeguard its political identity, Israel's determination to realize its divine right to Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, Washington's apparent lack of determination to do what is necessary to make its peace initiative work and Arafat's apparent unwillingness to make the grand Sadat-like gesture — it seems that they may well be doomed to become something resembling the chief-of-staff's "drugged cockroaches" in a West Bank bottle that is increasingly constricted by massive Israeli settlement.

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